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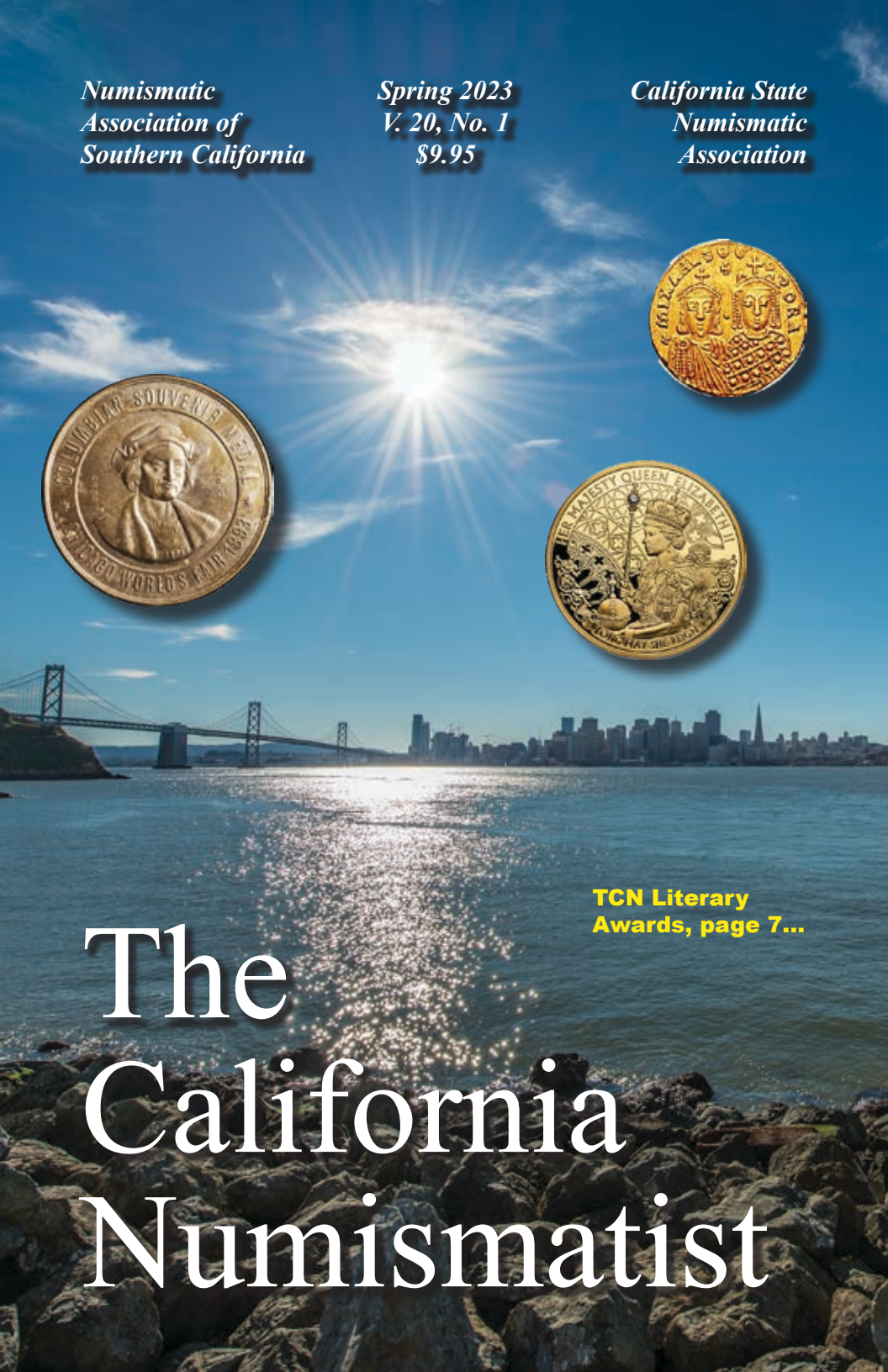

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A New Year's Day photograph from 2015 (Elena and I went for NYE) of the San Francisco shoreline, taken from Treasure Island mid-bay and highlighting the Oakland Bay Bridge on the left, acts as a background to three images featuring gold-colored coin and exonumia items featured in this issue. Mmm, I thought the colors went together well... GB

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Presidents' Messages

NASC...

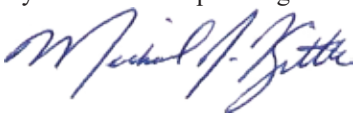
Most of us think about the future generations of collectors and wonder how we can get younger folks involved in this great hobby that we love. Some of the more pessimistic collectors fear that the youth of today will never become collectors and that our hobby will slowly die out (and maybe that is already happening?). The more I think about this, perhaps instead of asking if there will be coin collectors in the future, it might be more appropriate to ask if there will even be any coins in the future to collect in the first place!

For many years, the percentage of transactions done in cash has been on the decline. Many businesses and consumers strongly prefer the convenience of digital transactions over cash. The COVID-19 pandemic pretty much poured jet fuel on the growing decline in the use of cash as many perceived the use of cash as dirty or unsanitary. This decline in the use of cash has been much steeper with those under 30 years of age with only about 11% in that age group using cash on most of their regular purchases; five years ago, that number was 37% using cash regularly (Gallup Poll).

It's not a stretch to imagine that if most of us stop using cash and coins, the government will ultimately stop making new cash and new coins. In that future, there will be no new coins for future collectors to seek out. Sure, the coins around today will likely be around for generations to come and there will always be some collector base for classic coins. However, a huge part of this hobby, particularly with younger collectors, is seeking out and collecting the newly issued coins that are released each year.

So, please do your part and spend cash when and where you can. Get others, especially the youth, to use cash more often too, even if less convenient. We can debate whether the youth of today will become coin collectors, but if there are no coins in the future, there may be nothing for them to collect anyways!

Thanks again everyone for all of your support of NASC and the TCN. I hope to see many of you soon at an upcoming coin show or coin club meeting!



Michael J. Kittle
NASC President

CSNA...

First of all, I would like to thank Past President Michael Turrini, for his dedication to CSNA. I had the opportunity to work with him for more than two years as his VP. I learned about his passion for coin collecting, his helping collectors, and his interest in collecting fascinating and amazing items.

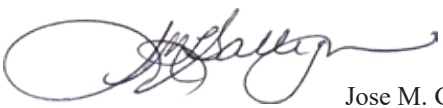
I started collecting coins thanks to my father, Waldemar Gallego, at the age eight. He would bring me US, Mexican, and other coins.

I moved to Guadalajara in 1973 to attend the Autonomous University and get my degree in chemistry. Guadalajara is an incredible city with interesting coin shops and I obtained wonderful coins at fantastic prices. In 1982 my hobby was put on hold when I married and started our family. But in 2011 it became my main hobby after I started attending the Heartland Coin Club meetings. In 2017 I was elected president, and in 2019 became a member of the CSNA's board of directors.

My joy is in collecting mint errors and in Washington quarter varieties, and it is a good way to invest in silver. The varieties that I look for are the reverse die varieties, including the errors such as reverse double dies, re-engraving, and finding proof dies recycled as business strikes, and business strikes as proofs.

My other hobbies include growing rare fruits. My tree collection consists of over 100 fruit trees. My favorites are the 32 different varieties of pomegranates, the Lucuma and the Rose Apple. Another hobby I have is building lasers. I built my first helium-neon laser back in 1972. With the rise of laser diodes, I built high power pocket laser diodes.

In the meantime, I look forward to hearing your suggestions that will help CSNA become a stronger organization and help California coin clubs.



Jose M. Gallego
CSNA President

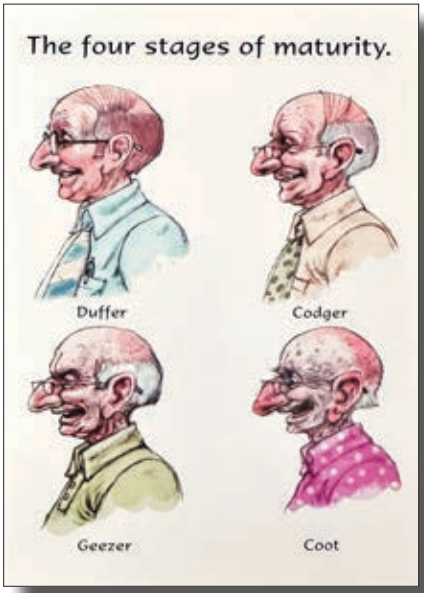
Editor's Page

<Sound of screeching brakes and smoldering tires as I slide this issue to the finish line and get ready to upload it to the printer!...>

Seems like I'm constantly apologizing for being late. Eh, what can I do? I'm increasingly an old duffer struggling to keep up. And actually, I think I'm starting to slip from "duffer" stage to "codger" stage (see below helpful graphic that displays the progression). Wish me luck!

See the page opposite for the best news that an editor can hope to give: recognition to the hard-working authors who make each of our issues worth picking up and reading! I'm constantly impressed by how much work our authors invest and the research they do to provide us our constant stream of education and entertainment. Thanks to each of you, and please feel free to tap me on the shoulder to host an adult beverage for you at any time. Seriously; you've given me two decades of enjoyment.

Hard to say exactly how the calender might shake out for the rest of 2023 and any opportunities to meet and greet fellow association members, but I'll be keeping my eyes open for anything that looks like we can say "hello" to each other. You'll see it's easy to find me. I'm the old duffer...

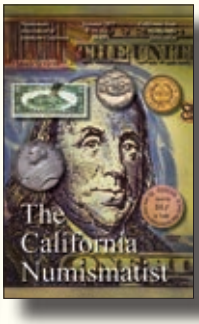


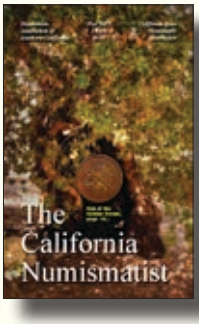
My favorite birthday card ever, from my better-half, Elena.

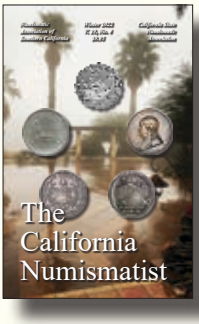
Greg Burns
Editor

TCN Literary Awards

We're pleased to announce the awards for the 2022 publication year. Each category has 1st through 3rd places possible, with the exception of the Brainard award which is for best article overall. Note that there were two categories without entries. Regardless of any awards won, TCN and the editor gratefully thank *all* of the authors who submitted materials for publication. It's hard work and very much appreciated.







Karl Brainard Literary Award for Best Article
Indian Peace Medals...did they help keep the peace?, *Jim Wells*

George Bennett Literary Award for Articles on Ancient Numismatics
1st: Medals of Pope Benedict IX, the Triple Pope, *Ross Irvin*
2nd: Venetian Enrico Dandolo: The Definitive Doge, *Ross Irvin*

Charles Kappan Literary Award for Articles on Exonumia
1st: Indian Peace Medals...did they help keep the peace?, *Jim Wells*
2nd: The John B. Miller Award for Distinguished Service, *Harry Waterson*
3rd: The LA Olympiad Keeps Getting Earlier and Earlier, *Harry Waterson*

Bryan Burke Literary Award for Articles on Foreign Coins
No articles submitted met category criteria.

Virginia Hall Literary Award for Articles on Medals
1st: Indian Peace Medals...did they help keep the peace?, *Jim Wells*
2nd: The John B. Miller Award for Distinguished Service, *Harry Waterson*
3rd: The Santa Monica Breakwater H&K Dollar, *Charlie Catlett*

Charles G. Colver Literary Award for Articles on Paper Instruments
1st: American Indians on Paper Money, *Jim Wells*
2nd: Pop Art Icon Robert Dowd: Currency as Art, *Rick Melamed*
3rd: Famed Binion Horseshoe Hotel Display of $1 Million Cash, *Rick Melamed*

Roy Hill Literary Award for Articles on United States Coins
1st: On Collecting the Type 4 Bicentennial Mint State Coin Set, *Steve Sussman*
2nd: Name that ~~Tune~~ Tone, *Steven Berenhaus*

Nona G. Moore Young Numismatist Literary Award
No articles submitted met category criteria.

Corresponding Secretaries' Reports

CSNA—
by George Magaan

The first couple of months of this year, California started off with a bang. Rain, rain, *we need you*! We have for the last several years been complaining because of the lack of rain, low water in the lakes, reservoirs, creeks, and rivers. And now some are sad we are receiving too much snow and rain. I know we have flooding in some areas, some loss of life and a lot of property damage. This is bad but we can better handle a little flooding as to being without water. Our hearts go out to those who were snow bound or have received flood damage. But at least we have water for all. Now with all the warm weather we are about to receive, and with Covid on the back burner, we have hopes of putting our lives back together. So many of us will be returning to our club meetings. Meetings that we hope will be fun and beneficial to our needs. The friendships, the sharing of our hobby, and the hopes of finding that special coin or stamp. So many of our members belong to several diverse types of clubs. Still sharing our treasures with one another. So at times we come away with the feeling of why I attended the meeting. They are boring and no fun or have become clicky. This is not the reason we become club members.

Has your club lost its spark? Do fewer than half the dues paying members show up for meetings? Does it seem that only a handful of members do most of the work? Does the business portion of the meeting meet with glazed stares? Could there be a lack of enthusiasm and volunteerism among the membership? Does the club encourage outside speakers to speak with them? Could your club be in a rut or starting to fall into one? What can we do to get back into good health and make our meetings noire exciting and interesting? The following few rules may just be the answer to membership and attendance. 1. Start each meeting promptly on time. Club meetings have a limited amount of time for planned and scheduled activities. 2. Give all new guests special attention. When a new guest attends a meeting, they should treated as the most important person in the room. They should be greeted by a club member and given a promo packet regarding the club and the clubs objective and the hobby. Remember what your first meeting was like and how much better it could have been. 3. Streamline club business and keep it at a minimum. Club business is the largest turn-off to both membership and guests. Coin collecting is a very enjoyable, interesting and rewarding hobby and meetings should reflect that. 4. Provide time for and

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promote interaction and socializing. Most all attendees share one common interest, which is coin collecting and want to meet others who share their passion for our hobby. Interaction and social meetings between membership and guests is the most important perk a club can offer. 5. Provide incentives to promote new memberships, improve attendance, and increase the number of volunteer workers. Everybody loves incentives, especially if they are obtainable and gratifying. Incentives can be about anything and fun. 6. Devote time at each meeting for reports from membership about things they have found or interested in locating. 7. Recognize and give credit to all volunteers and businesses that provide special services or donations to the club. This will encourage others to come forward. 8. Attempt to have an excellent program scheduled each meeting and have a backup program on standby. A great program does not require a speaker every month. There are many ways to have an exciting meeting utilizing other resources. 9 Maintain tight control of the meeting and of its time schedule. Well planned and organized meetings that are interesting and enjoyable, especially when they move quickly and contain benefits and knowledge that members enjoy. It is paramount to the health and prosperity of all hobby clubs to develop and maintain a positive, upbeat atmosphere that creates and promotes membership involvement. When a club is flourishing and doing well all members will benefit.

NASC—

<open position>

NASC corresponding secretary's position is open, hence there's no report for this issue. If you have an interest in this position, or any others within the association, please contact President Michael Kittle at mike@kittlecoins.com.

CSNA Membership on 4 January 2023

Regular	159
Life	105
Junior	1
Associate	1
Member Clubs	13
Member Club Life	11
Business Members	12
Total	301

NASC Membership on 20 February 2023

Total	298

Dear Members—Please Note!

If you've moved, please advise us at the relevant address below:

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A Very Exciting Discovery in Price Increases of US Currency

by Bill Febuary

Interesting numismatic materials purchased at sensible prices and held (and enjoyed) for a long time often have an increase in value.

Back in the mid 1980's and early 1990's, when I was into purchasing United States currency, I had recorded the cost I had paid for each individual note and the currency dealer I had purchased the notes from. Much to my surprise I had updated the prices of each note in early 2016 and found an unbelievable increase in the prices I had paid in the mid 1980's and early 1990's, and now here it is late 2022 and I have again reviewed the prices of each piece of currency I own and am finding great increases in their prices.

It is almost unbelievable that I had paid $27.50 for a one dollar 1918 Federal Reserve note in AU condition which was purchased on December 10, 1985, and is now listed at $395.

As I ponder over my entire large size notes that range in prices I paid ranging from $32.50 to $70, they have now increased in price up to $150 to $495 for the exact same note and grade. This increase is predominately for large size notes in the grades I had bought them in and now even small size currency, such as silver certificates and legal tender notes have increased, which were in the $20 to $100 price range for certain key notes, especially notes that were classified as star notes from 1928 to 1935. Those same notes today range from $80 to $250 in the same grade and type as the notes I bought back in the 1980's and 1990's.

This entire finding has me excited and I am wanting to reprice every piece of currency that I own.

Luckily, I put away many new $1 silver certificates and $2 legal tender notes in small size, and seeing the price increase in even those notes is exciting and of course each and every

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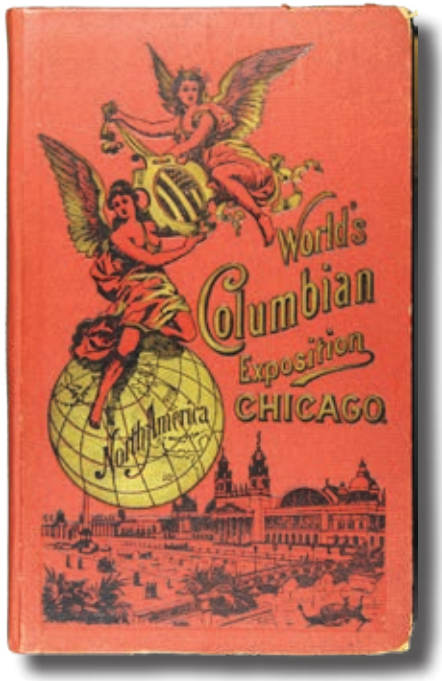
note I own is housed in a mylar holder for safe keeping as that type of holder has no effect on currency to discolor it or cause any damage to the note.

My currency hobby extends from small sized notes to large sized notes as well as Civil War currency and fractional currency, which have all increased in price from the mid 1980's to the mid 1990's when I was actively buying currency because of the reasonable prices back then.

I feel my currency has gained such an enormous price increase that I will keep them for my grandchildren as the costs appear to be increasing and if given to them would create a large amount of money for their inheritance.

A Rare 1893 Columbian Exposition Souvenir Medal

by John Duff



The May 1st to October 30th 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois, honored the 400th year since Christopher Columbus discovered America for Spain in 1492. This very successful exposition had worldwide importance with an attendance of over 27 million people.

The world's first exposition was London's great exposition of 1851 showing the works of industry of all nations. Then there was the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition, followed by the Paris Exhibition in 1889 showing the world the marvelous Eiffel Tower, and of course there was the celebration of the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915 in San Francisco. During the 1930's there was a string of exhibitions in Chicago, Brussels, San Diego, Dallas, Cleveland, Paris, San Francisco, and New York. The Seattle World's Fair with its Space Needle took place in 1962. Yet when you consider the size and grandeur of world fairs and exhibitions it is the 1893 Columbian Exhibition that outshines them all, with close to 28 million visitors and magnificent buildings built a third of a mile long, as well as the first Ferris Wheel with 36 cars that could hold 40 people each.

During visits to local coin shows and shops and those dealing in coins, paper money, tokens, and medals, I came across a fascinating souvenir medal from the 1893 Columbian Exposition. I had not seen one before and I was immediately enthralled by it.

This original 1893 souvenir 14-printed-scene fold-out medal of the World's Columbian Exposition (also known as the Chicago World's Fair) is a 54mm round embossed tin "faux coin" that folds out with a pull of a thread. As you open this medal it comes apart in an accordion fashion where you can see these 14 small circular prints of the exposition.

You can see the aging of the tin on the outside, but when you open the medal up these small circular prints are in really good condition considering they are 130 years old.

John's clamshell medal and the accordion-style folded exposition scene prints it contains.

This medal is referenced in Nathan N. Eglit's *Columbiana: The Medallic History of Christopher Columbus and the Columbian Exposition of 1893,* published by the author in 1965. The reference number for this souvenir medal is #230. The obverse side is a bust of Christopher Columbus with the inscription around a depressed circle "Columbian Souvenir Medal Chicago World's Fair 1893" and the dates in the field "1492" and "1892" from left to right. The reverse side has a battleship with the inscription "In God We Trust" above the ship and "U.S. Man of War" below the ship.

There were 14 "great buildings" that Chicago built for the World's Fair. They were the Administrative Building, Agriculture Building, Anthropology Building, Electricity Building, Fisheries Building, Forestry Building, Horticultural Building, Machinery Building, Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building, Mines and Mining Building, Palace of Fine Arts, Transportation Building, US Government Building, and the Woman's Building.

Inside this tin souvenir medal are the 14 connected circular prints showing ten of the great buildings, the Illinois Building, the Republic Statue, and the first two printed discs show a birds-eye view of the exposition. The great buildings that are not shown are the Anthropology Building, Forestry Building, Mines and Mining Building, and the Transportation Building.

The 14 great buildings built by Chicago were all built as temporary structures to be torn down after the exposition, except the Palace of Fine Arts which today is the Museum of Science and Industry. There were an additional 200 buildings built for the exposition by states and countries from around the world.

These great buildings were described as Italian, French, and Roman Renaissance, but they were actuality a mix of architectural styles from antiquity to the renaissance. They were framed in iron and steel and their walls were made of "staff," a mixture of plaster, cement, and hemp, and other fiber applied onto wooden lath. This material dried hard and looked like stone and/or marble. The exposition buildings were then painted white, which is why the Columbian Exposition also became known as the great "White City."

The printing of the great buildings that are found inside this souvenir are:

Administration Building—Architect, Richard M. Hunt, New York.

The size of this building was four pavilions 84 ft. x 84 ft. connected by an octagonal, drum-supporting ribbed dome at a cost of $650,000.

The Administration Building with its gilded dome was the headquarters and a central focal point of the fair. This was the site for presentations by dignitaries, a favorite meeting place for fair attendees, and other events.

Agriculture Building—Architect, McKim, Mead & White, New York.

The size of this building was 800 ft. x 500 ft.; annex 550 ft. x 300 ft. at a cost of $628,000.

This Roman style building with several domes covered a half-million square feet. On top of its central dome is a beautiful statue of Diana by sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens that had been originally designed for Madison Square Gardens in New York.

Electricity Building—Architect, Van Brunt & Howe, Kansas City.

The size of this building was 690 ft. x 345 ft. at a cost of $420,000.

The Electricity Building was a rectangular structure of "Renaissance" design with 40,000 panes of glass with thousands of lights making a spectacular view at night. Thomas Edison's company invested a half of million dollars on displays and there was a huge sculpture of Benjamin Franklin with a key, silk kite-cord, and umbrella in his hands.

Fisheries Building—Architect, Henry Ives Cobb, Chicago.

The size of this building was 162 ft. x 362 ft.; two annexes 135 ft. in diameter. at a cost of $225,000.

The Fisheries Building was filled with life from the oceans, seas, lakes, and rivers as well as advancements in fish farming, commercial fishing, and the latest tackle for angling.

Horticulture Building—Architect, Jenney & Mundie, Chicago.

The size of this building was 998 ft. x 250 ft.; eight greenhouses 24 ft. x 100 ft. at a cost of $300,000.

The Horticulture Building was more than five acres of rare plants, flowers, fruits, vegetables, and sample gardens from around the World.

Machinery Hall—Architect, Peabody & Stearns, Boston.

The size of this building was 842 ft. x 492 ft.; annex 490 ft. x 550 ft. at a cost of $1.2 million.

The Machinery Hall or "Palace of Mechanic Arts" was spanned by three 125-foot trusses making it look like three train houses interconnected. The trusses were independently built with plans to sell them as train houses after the fair had ended. There were cranes inside to be able to move machinery around and this building had its own power plant as well.

Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building—Architect, George B. Post, Boston.

The size of this building was 1,687 ft. x 787 ft. at a cost of $1.7 million.

The Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building was by far the largest of the great building and housed the largest number of exhibits in the fair, and this building alone was larger than the entire Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876. Exhibits included chemical and pharmaceutical products, ceramics, flatware, clothing, medical supplies, and really any kind of product created by men and women. The Liberal Arts section contains all aspects of education both public and

The 14 panels in John's pamphlet, ten of which display various "great buildings" of the expo, one of a state building, one apparently random one ("The Republic") that may have purely been patriotic, and the final two with a birds-eye view of the whole affair.

private schools, musical instruments, stained glass exhibits, Remington typewriters of all kinds and languages, and the first Columbian half dollar struck for the fair which the Remington Company paid $10,000 for was on display.

Palace of Fine Arts—Architect, Charles B. Atwood, Chicago.

The size of this building was 320 ft. x 500 ft.; two annexes 120 ft. x 200 ft., total cost of $670,000. This building today is the Museum of Science and Industry and the only remaining of the 14 great buildings that were built.

The Palace of Fine Arts had 200,000 square feet of art from around the world. There were oil paintings, watercolors, paintings on ivory, porcelain, enamel, metal, fresco paintings, etchings, engravings, prints, drawings, sculptures, medallions, gems, cameos, and much more.

US Government Building—Architect, Willoughby J. Edbrooke, Washington.

The size of this building was 420 ft. x 350 ft. at a cost of $320,000.

The US Government Building housed the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum exhibits as well as paper money and coins from the US Mint, an extensive postage stamp exhibit, and numerous historical documents and items from our history.

Woman's Building—Architect, Sophia G. Hayden, Boston.

The size of this building was 199 ft. x 388 ft. at a cost of $138,000.

The Woman's Building was designed and managed by women, and devoted to the exhibition of the work by women in every field. This was a major accomplishment for women who still did not have the right to vote.

I think most of us interested in numismatics are familiar with the 1892 and 1893 Columbian Exposition Commemorative half dollar and the 1893 Isabella Commemorative Quarter. But there are so many more medals, tickets, and souvenirs that can be collected.

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Below and opposite page: various pictorials of the scenes of the expo.

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Byzantine Emperor Michael III, "The Drunkard"

Above: Michael III.
Below: Michael as infant with Theodora.

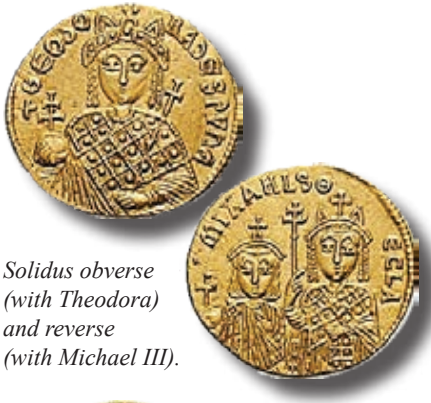
By Ross Irvin

It is important to remember that history is largely written by winners. It is important for a disputed successor to vilify and discredit his predecessor to provide legitimacy for his future family, party, or political agenda. It is through this lens that I would like to examine the story of Byzantine Emperor Michael III, whose tumultuous life and relations are reflected in his coinage. Beware, his life is rated "X"

At the death of his father, Emperor Theophilus in 842, Michael III was an infant. His mother, the Empress Theodora and her favorite, Theoctistus ruled in his stead. They accomplished a great deal. Theodora ended the 125 year controversy over the worship/non worship of icons by ensuring that a church council was convoked in 843 to restore icon worship. She and her consort were equally successful in pursuing an aggressive foreign policy in the Eastern Mediterranean. Byzantine armies fought Saracens in eastern Turkey and rebellious Slavs in Greece. A fleet destroyed Damietta, an Egyptian fortress on the Nile.

This gold solidus depicts Theodora facing, wearing a crown and holding a patriarchal cross. Her title literally means "Despot," however it represents the one who is the ruling power. The reverse shows Michael III, beardless on the left with his older sister Thecla on the right. Both are crowned.

Thecla had been given the title of Augusta at an early age as part of the negotiations for her marriage to Louis II, the heir to the Carolingian empire in the West. Both Louis's father and Thecla's father died within a year of each other in 841/842 so the marriage negotiations were never finalized.



Solidus obverse (with Theodora) and reverse (with Michael III).

Silver miliaresion obverse and reverse.

The variant solidus obverse and reverse.

A variant of the gold solidus has a bust of Christ facing with cross behind his head, with a full beard and long hair. On the reverse there are facing busts of a beardless Michael III on the left and Theodora on the right. Both are crowned.

A silver miliaresion was issued about the same time, which has a cross potent on top of three stairs with the inscription "May Jesus Christ Conquer." The reverse has a 5 line inscription listing the three rulers.

In the meantime, Michael was growing up. At age 17, he began an affair with Eudocia Ingerina, who quickly irritated Theodora because she quickly became a rival influence. Clearly Eudocia was an unsuitable spouse. The empress found Eudocia Dekapolites, from an aristocratic family, whom Michael dutifully married in 855, yet kept Eudocia Ingerina as his mistress, a relationship which lasted until his death.

This episode caused Michael to chafe under his mother's authority. A year later, in 856, with the help of Bardas, Theodora's brother and Michael's uncle, who was unhappy because he had no voice in the government, a coup proclaimed Michael III as sole ruler. Bardas became his chief minister and eventually his heir as Caesar if the emperor had no children. The favorite, Theoctistus was executed. Michael's sisters were sent to the convent of Gastria. At first Theodora remained in the palace, but two years later, she was sent to Gastria as well.

As sole ruler, the coins changed. The solidus on the obverse side has a facing bust of Michael III with a short beard, wearing a crown holding a labarum. The reverse shows a bust

The new solidus.

of Christ with long hair and a beard facing with a cross behind his head.

A silver miliaresion was issued with Michael as sole ruler as well. It has a cross potent on top of three stairs with a pellet beneath The reverse five-line inscription reads, "Michael, faithful believer, King of the Romans."

The new silver miliaresion.

The team of Michael III and Bardas worked well. In September 863, the Battle of Lalakaon was fought in northern Turkey against Saracen invaders. The Muslim Arab army was annihilated and their leader, Omar, the emir of Melitene, slain. This paved the way for 9th century Byzantine expansion in the east. Muslim sources mention Michael III on the battlefield, the Byzantine version does not. In the autumn of 864, Boris I of Bulgaria was baptized as a Christian. Michael III was his Godfather. Most Bulgarians converted shortly afterwards. This was an amazing turn of events given that a little over 50 years before (811) the Bulgarians had destroyed a Byzantine army and killed emperor Nicephorus I. The emperor's skull had been turned into a drinking cup.

Baptism of Boris I of Bulgaria.

Although the Saracens had invaded Sicily in 827, the mint of Syracuse remained in Byzantine hands until after the reign of Michael III. They produced a small gold semissis which was usually heavily debased. The coin

Semissis obverse and reverse.

shows a facing bust of Michael III with a short beard, wearing a crown. The reverse has a similar facing bust with different armor.

The Syracuse mint also produced a bronze follis. It has a bust of Michael III with short beard holding a cross. The large "M" on the reverse stands for 40 nummi. M is the Greek symbol for 40.

Bronze follis obverse and reverse.

The Byzantine empire in the 9th century included part of present-day Crimea. Intermittently controlled by the Romans and the Byzantines in the past, the area had been conquered by the Khazars in the early 8th century. The territory had been recaptured by Michael III's father, Emperor Theophilos around 833. A mint in Cherson (Sevastopol) produced crude bronze coins of undetermined denomination. The example coin has only a large "MB" on the obverse and an "Nx" on the reverse.

Cherson crude bronze coin.

Unfortunately for Michael III, he developed a close friendship with his horse trainer, Basil the Macedonian. Originally a refugee from Macedonia, Basil was apparently handsome and had enormous physical strength. He attracted the attention of a rich Grecian lady, Danelis, who gave him gold, slaves, and fine clothing. In turn, when the emperor received an untamed horse, Basil was recommended to tame him. He did. As he learned the intricacies of the Byzantine court, his rise became rapid.

This intimacy resulted in an unusual matrimonial arrangement. Basil divorced his wife and was married to Eudocia Ingerina, Michael's mistress. To compensate for this, Michael's older sister Thecla was allowed to leave the convent to become Basil's mistress. Eudocia Ingerina had two sons by Michael, whom he wished as heirs to the throne. His principal advisor, Caesar Bardas, the uncle who had assisted him in overturning his mother, was pronounced a traitor and murdered in 866. To legitimize his sons, Michael III elevated Basil as co-emperor shortly afterwards.

Death of Bardas.

Marriage of Basil.

Coronation of Basil I.

During the short period of joint rule, a bronze follis was minted. The obverse has a facing bust of Michael III with a short beard holding a patriarchal cross and the title Emperor. The reverse has a facing bust of Basil I with a long beard holding a patriarchal cross with the inscription King. .

Bronze follis during joint rule.

Now there was no obstruction to Basil's boundless ambition. He organized a coup against his mentor. Michael III was murdered September

23, 867. Basil was now the absolute ruler and the winner. Historians writing during the subsequent reign of Basil (believed to be based upon testimony from Michael III's grandson, Constantine VII) portray Michael III as a hopeless drunk, addicted to the pleasures of horse racing and sex, with little influence in government. It was only much later that Michael III was rehabilitated and credited with his real accomplishments.

You may wonder, what happened to women in this tale? Michael III's mother Theodora, died mysteriously in 867 within three months after her son's murder. Michael III's official wife, Eudocia Dekapolites, returned to her family and disappears from history. Eudocia Ingerina, the wife of Basil I and loyal mistress of Michael III, resumed wifely duties with her official husband. She had four children after Michael's death. Her earlier two children attributed to Michael III became emperor Leo VI and Patriarch of Constantinople, Stephen I. The luckless Thecla, the older sister of Michael III and mistress of Basil I, did not fare so well. Appointed empress at an early age with a glorious future as empress of a combined Western Holy Roman and Byzantine empire, she was quickly dropped as mistress when Basil I achieved access to his official wife. She found her own lover, John Neatokomedes. When emperor Basil discovered the affair, they were both beaten. John was sent to a monastery. Thecla's considerable wealth was confiscated. She died bedridden soon afterwards, around 870.

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Postscript: Basil I died on 29 August 886, from a fever contracted after a serious hunting accident when his belt was caught in the antlers of a deer, and he was allegedly dragged 16 miles through the woods. He was saved by an attendant who cut him loose with a knife, but he suspected the attendant of trying to assassinate him and had the man executed shortly before he himself died.

Factoid

Readers interested in learning more about ancient coins are invited to browse to the website of the Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles at www.accla.org.

Celebrating Benjamin Franklin on Numismatic Items

Part 2 – Large and Small Sized Currency

by Rick Melamed

In part 2 of our Ben Franklin numismatic series we will explore his image on large and small sized currency and other non-traditional financial products. In part 1 we showed Franklin's images on coins, medals and tokens and in an upcoming part 3, we will explore Franklin's image on obsolete currency.

Ben Franklin, one of the most famous founding fathers of the U.S., has an enduring legacy that has transcended the centuries. His accomplishments are numerous (see part 1 for a short biography) most notably as an inventor, publisher, ambassador to France, and first postmaster general of the US.

Large Sized Currency

One of the first appearances of Franklin on numismatic items was on the $50 legal tender note. Also known as US notes, they were issued from 1862 – 1971. They were originally issued by the US Treasury to pay off expenses incurred by the Union to fight the Civil War. There are three varieties of this note. Top: Issued in 1878, is a small red seal variety. In the middle, there are three ornate Roman numeral "L's" and a classic Franklin portrait. The right is a detailed allegorical image of Columbia. Though some attribute the allegorical image as America. Center: We showcase an 1880 series note with a large brown seal. There is only one Roman numeral "L". Bottom: A legal tender note from 1880, contains a different version of the small red seal.

The note below is an unissued $10 1863 proof of a national bank note. Likely unique. A fascinating glimpse of a proposed note that was eventually issued in 1875. There is a great image of Franklin flying a kite, with a young boy sitting beside him, during an electrical storm. It is an enduring image of Franklin *Discovering Electricity*. To the right is Lady America riding an eagle clutching a lightning bolt.

In 1879, the US Treasury issued an interest-bearing note known as refunding certificates. On the bottom it states: "This certifies that the sum of Ten Dollars has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States under Act of February 26th, 1879 convertible with accrued interest at 4 per cent per annum into 4 per cent bonds of the United States issued under the Acts of July 14, 1870 and January 20, 1871 upon presentation at the office of the Treasurer of the U.S. in sums of $50. Or multiples thereof."

Above: There is a space in the middle of the note to write in the name of the purchaser. There is a spiked Treasury seal and a blue vertical watermark just to the right of Franklin. The top version is very rare (only 2 known) and last sold at auction in 2018 for $780,000.

Below: This is the more common type (worth between $6,000 to $7,000 in a mid-grade). The changes are as follows: Treasury seal is changed, there is a different frame around the serial number, the large valuation in the upper right changes from "X" to "10" and the serial number changes from red to blue.

In 1914, the Treasury issued their very first Federal Reserve Notes (FRN's). These large sized notes were issued through the 12 Federal Reserve banks throughout the US. The same distribution of currency is still in use today. The earliest issues used numbers, "1-12", for the Federal Reserve banks and later changed to letters: "A-L". Though this series used both. 1-A = Boston; 2-B = New York; 3-C= Philadelphia…12-L = San Francisco. FRN's were initially issued in denominations from $1 - $10,000 (now $100 is the highest valued note). Shown are two examples, red seal and blue seal, with Franklin's profile.

Small Sized Currency

All small sized $100 bills issued 1928 to the present day contain Ben Franklin's image. There are quite a few issues and dates and until 1996, all contained the same basic design with same Franklin's portrait in the center.

Top of next page: 1928 $100 gold certificate. The owner of this note could redeem for gold coin. This was a short lived issue since Franklin

Roosevelt took the U.S. off the gold standard in 1933. Too bad, if you could exchange for five $20 gold coins today it would be worth $9,000. But then again, a gem 66 graded gold note would fetch $105,000 at auction. Below that: 1966 $100 United States note. Issued between 1966-1971, this short lived series was the last of red seal US notes ever released by the government.

Next, a pair of brown seal national currency notes: The note immediately below is a 1929 $100 Federal Reserve Bank Note (FRBN). Like the Federal Reserve Notes (FRN), they were released through the 12 Federal Reserve banks. They are also very similar in design to the national bank notes as seen on the note underneath it. National bank notes were issued through private banks as opposed to Federal Reserve banks with backing from the US government (over 14,000 banks participated). Both notes contain the printed signatures of the register of the Treasury and treasurer of the US on the top. FRBN's contain the name of the federal cashier and issuing state governor on the bottom; on bottom of the national, the printed signature of the bank cashier and bank president are included.

First FRN Small Notes. In 1928, the Treasury shrunk the large sized FRN's to the size we see today. Shown below is the very first issue, the 1928 series. It contained a large numeral on the left designating the Federal Reserve Bank. With the next chronological release, series 1928A, the Federal Reserve Bank designator changed from a numeral to a letter. On the lower note the letter C represent the Philadelphia bank location. The 1928 series was printed through 1934.

Below: With some minor design changes, the 1934 FRN series was released. There were five issues (1934, 1934A….1934D). New releases in any series come when there is a new secretary of the Treasury or treasurer.

Below: The next series is 1950, where there were 6 releases (1950, 1950A…1950E). There are substantial changes in the 1950 series: smaller FRN and Treasury seal, Washington D.C. is moved higher on the right side of the note, Treasury declaration is shortened (upper left), the gray '100' is smaller, the 4 black Federal Reserve bank district numerals are moved closer to the center, and the 'series of' date (seen twice on 1934 series) only appears once in the 1950 series (bottom right outside the portrait). The 1950E release was only issued from the Federal reserve banks in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

Shown above are the 1963 and 1969 series which are unchanged from the 1950 series. In fact, the design remains unchanged until 1996. Here are the different releases from 1963 – 1993: 1963, 1963A, 1974, 1977, 1981, 1981-A,1985, 1988, 1988A (never printed), 1990, 1993.

Above: in 1996, in an effort to combat counterfeiters, the Treasury did a drastic makeover on the design of the Franklin $100 bill. Federal Bank districts were eliminated. The second letter in the serial number would designate the issuing bank. In this case the "B" refers to New York. Franklin's image is enlarged and around the portrait and in other areas microprinting was added in fonts so small that Xerox machines could not copy. In the spring 2021 issue of *The California Numismatist* (V18, N1), the article on small sized $5 FRN's details all the changes undertaken by the Treasury in 1996 (similar changes were conducted for all denominations).

Above: Starting in 2009 until present day, the Treasury again went into a massive redesign. More anti-counterfeiting measures were added as well as multi-colored paper. Franklin's image is expanded further.

Savings Bonds With Franklin's Image

Savings bonds are a risk-free retail government bond to secure funding from citizens while paying interest over a period of time. On top: In 1941, the first Series E Savings Bonds were sold as a defense savings bond or better known as War Bonds. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau convinced President Franklin Roosevelt that they would help raise money to fight in World War 2. These war bonds were generally sold to military personnel and were a successful program. Franklin's profile is seen in the middle left. Below that: A modern day Saving Bond, Series EE, are sold in various denominations. Franklin's profile is found on the $1,000 bond.

Miscellaneous Items With Franklin's Image

Top: The committee who ran the famed 1893 World Columbian Exhibition went to the American Bank Note Company to print entry tickets. They were so beautifully executed, on fine card stock, that they are still avidly collected today. They printed several versions with different color seals (Washington, Lincoln, Columbus, Handel, Indian Chief and the Statue of Liberty). The example shown has Ben Franklin with a purple seal.

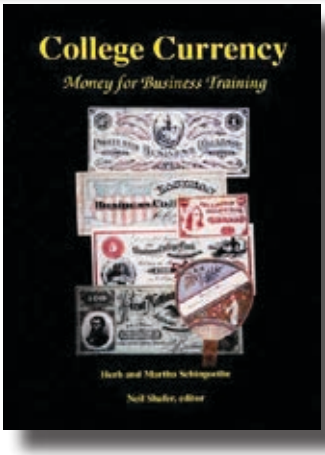
Bottom: An undated 50¢ proof of the Liberia American Colonization Society. This could be considered a scrip note from the early days of Liberia's history. Franklin and Washington portraits are featured.

Franklin On College Currency—Money Used For Business Training

In the 19th century there were teaching colleges to prepare students for a career in business. As a learning tool, colleges and universities throughout the United States printed their own "play" money for students to use. While these notes had no real value, they are scarce. They were generally crudely executed. There is an excellent reference printed in 1993 that still can be found (*College Currency* by Herb and Martha Schingoethe). A big thanks to Dave Stitely for the images contained below.

The four notes in order: 25¢ note from Harvard School. Second: $100 note from First National Bank of Great Mercantile – Keotuk, Iowa. Third: $50 note from Hurd National Bank Commercial College Fayette, Iowa. Fourth: $20 note from Iron City College Bank – Pittsburgh, PA.

Below are $1 and $3 college currency notes from Cattawissa, College Co. in Pennsylvania. The $1 note has the portrait of Franklin on the left and Washington on the right. In the center is an image of a kneeling angel. The $3 Cattawissa note has the same layout but a different central vignette. The $3 note contains a vibrant image of an armada; the captain is standing with his sword drawn on a small rowboat.



An 1861 $2,000 Confederate States of America Bond. Franklin is in the top center. A well dressed lady is on the lower left holding a shield in her right hand. Interesting that the Confederate government would use Franklin's image since Franklin was from Pennsylvania, a Union state. Franklin owned slaves early in his life, but spoke out against slavery later in his life.

At the top of the next column is a $5,000 Treasury bond from July 22, 1846. This type of bond was used to back a bank's circulation. A superbly engraved financial instrument with many images. At the top center is an upright eagle with the arced loan title

above and "United States of America" below. The ancient warrior cameo heads are flanking the title. At the right end is a perpendicular "5,000" crafted with very ornate fonts. Elements symbolizing Navigation and Seafaring are to the left. Franklin's profile in the center bottom.

This concludes part 2 of Franklin's image on numismatic items. To the right is an excellent painted image of Franklin, deep in study and dressed in his best finery. This image has been used in many obsolete notes which we will explore in part 3 of the Franklin numismatic series.

Factoid

The Register of the Treasury was an officer of the United States Treasury Department. The Register's duties included filing the accounting records of the government, transferring and canceling federal debt securities, and filing the certificates of US-registered ships.

The signature of the Register of the Treasury was found on almost all US currency until 1923. Four of the five African-Americans whose signatures have appeared on US currency were Registers of the Treasury (Blanche K. Bruce, Judson W. Lyons, William T. Vernon, and James C. Napier).

After Woodrow Wilson appointed an African-American, Adam E. Patterson, for the position in 1917, Southern Senators (including Hoke Smith, James K. Vardaman, and Ben Tillman) expressed their opposition to Patterson on the grounds of his race, saying they opposed any African-American for an office that would put them above Caucasian women. Patterson quickly withdrew his name, and Wilson appointed Gabe E. Parker, the first white man to hold the position in fifteen years, leaving African-Americans dismayed.

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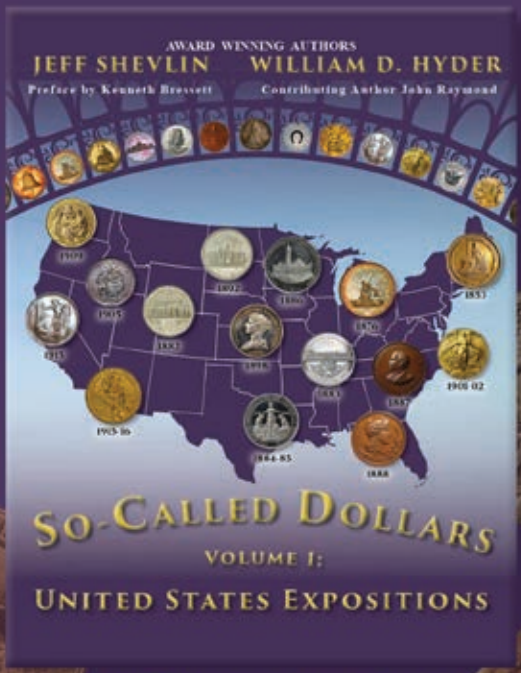

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Elizabeth II: Queen of Numismatics

by Jim Wells

The passing of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at age 96 on September 8, 2022, marked the end of a 70-year span of a famous and much-admired royal. Elizabeth's reign of seven decades meant most of the world had no experience with any other British monarch. As head of the British Commonwealth of Nations, she was regarded as the definition of class, grace, and dignity. She has easily surpassed her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria as the person appearing on more coinage than any other person in history; she was featured on coins of more than four dozen nations.

One coin magazine claims Elizabeth II's portrait has appeared on most or all coinage of 19 nations: Australia, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, East Caribbean States, Fiji, Cayman Islands, Cook Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Great Britain, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Saint Helena, and Tuvalu.

Other lists claim that she has appeared only on commemorative coins from the following 14 nations: Anguilla, British Indian Ocean Territory, Dominica, Grenada. Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Tokelau, Uganda, and Zambia.

Elizabeth also appeared on coins of 15 other countries in the past, but no longer does: Bahamas, British East Caribbean Territories, British West Africa. Cyprus, East Africa, Gambia. Hong Kong, Jamaica, Malaya & British Borneo, Mauritius, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Seychelles, South Africa, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

I show coins from 27 of those 48 nations, but also found (and show) the Queen on coins from Aldernay, Antigua & Barbuda, Niue, Tristan de Cunha, Tonga, Solomon Islands, and on a medal from the US.

Doesn't that qualify her as *Queen of Numismatics*?

Wow! Wish I could show a coin from each of these 48, 55, or "numer-

The Queen's 94th birthday brought celebrations of her poise, longevity, and service to her Commonwealth.

ous" countries, but will try to align coins as they represent events in the Queen's lifetime. Many of the coin dates are much later than the event they picture; many were struck for the Queen's birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or anniversaries on the throne.

Elizabeth was succeeded on the British throne by her eldest son, now King Charles III. Charles turned 74 years old in November 2022 and was heir apparent to the throne for a record 70 years. But Charles has good genes: his mother lived to age 96, his father (Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh) lived to 99, and his grandmother (Queen Elizabeth, the "Queen Mother") to 101.

1926 – 1947: From Birth to Marriage

Elizabeth was born in 1926 to the Duke and Duchess of York. Her father was heir apparent to the British throne while his older brother was King Edward VIII, an unmarried and childless king. Elizabeth had a happy childhood, shared with her younger sister Princess Margaret. But her world changed in 1936 when first her grandfather King George V died, and then his successor and Elizabeth's uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicated "to marry the woman he loved:" divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson. Elizabeth's father was thrust onto the throne as King George VI, and Elizabeth suddenly became the new heir apparent.

Young Elizabeth was never meant to be Queen. Later coins show baby Elizabeth being held by her mother, Duchess of York, later "Queen Mother," (on a 1985 Pitcairn Island 50 Seniti coin;) toddler Elizabeth (on a Gibraltar 5£ coin for her 80th birthday in 2006,) and 10-year-old Elizabeth (in 1936) with sister Margaret and mother (Cook Island $2 coin.)

Her father began tutoring her in the ways of management and responsibilities of being the Majesty.

In 1939, King George VI scheduled a tour to the Royal Naval College, accompanied by his daughters Elizabeth and Margaret. To escort the daughters, a leading Naval College cadet was chosen: Philip Mountbatten, Prince of Greece and Denmark, who was a third cousin of the girls as all three were great-grandchildren of Queen Victoria. 13-year-old Elizabeth was immediately enamored with the 18-year-old blue-eyed cadet, and they began exchanging letters.

The young Elizabeth briefly joined the British Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) towards the end of World War II, learning to drive and service a lorry. On VE Day, she joined the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace as thousands gathered in The Mall to celebrate the end of the war in Europe.

In a radio address in to the Commonwealth people from Cape Town on her 21st birthday in 1947 (five years before becoming Queen) Elizabeth promised: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong." This promise was engraved on a British 5£ piedfort coin 65 years later. No-one can argue that she didn't keep her promise!

In 1947, Philip asked King George for Elizabeth's hand in marriage. Philip had served in the Royal Navy throughout World War II, seeing much action and earning many medals. He aspired to advance into the Royal Navy's top ranks. The marriage of Elizabeth and Philip was held in Westminster Abbey in March 1947. Philip renounced his old titles from Greece and Denmark, became a naturalized British subject, and was named a Royal Highness, member of the Order of the Garter, and Duke of Edinburgh by the King. Elizabeth became the new Duchess of Edinburgh.

Elizabeth's birthday pledge to the Commonwealth in 1947 was engraved on the reverse of a British coin in 2017. And upheld!

Elizabeth's 1947 wedding photo with Philip was duplicated on a 2007 Gibraltar Crown coin.

Queen Elizabeth holds her first son Charles (now King, born in 1948) along with the then-Queen Elizabeth (later "Queen Mother") on a 1995 Tokelau 5 Tala coin. The Queen holds their second child Princess Anne at her birth (1950) on a 1997 Tonga 2 Pa'anga coin. Also on her radar was one of 30 Corgi dogs (as on 2002 Isle of Man Crown and on a 2013 Aldernay 5£ coin reading "The Faithful Companion of the Queen").

1947-1951: Heir Apparent to the Throne

The newly-married Duke (Philip) and Duchess (Elizabeth) of Edinburgh at first lived a tranquil life in Malta, where Philip had Royal Navy duties in command of a British frigate. The couple bore their two eldest children: Charles (born in 1948) and Anne (born in 1950), both in London.

Elizabeth loved Corgi dogs throughout her life and owned a total of 30 of them. Her staff said "She employs 1,200 people, but feeds her own dogs." The final two surviving Corgis will now be taken by Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, former wife of Andrew, the Queen's third child.

Elizabeth took to horseback riding at age three and rode in Britain's annual Trooping of the Colors ceremonies in 1947 in her Auxiliary Territorial Service uniform, and on horseback up through 1986 in her more colorful mil-

Elizabeth on horseback with father in 1930s, in ATS uniform in 1940s, at the 1981 Trooping of the Colors, and during US President Reagan's 1982 visit to Windsor Castle.

Her love of horses led to the British 1953 5 shilling and the 2022 seven-sided 50 pence, 1993 Belize $2 coin, and a British 70th anniversary coin for Elizabeth and Philip.

itary dress uniform with her husband Philip and the Household Cavalry. Her horseback interest was shown on British and Commonwealth coins.

1952-1970: Coronation and "Portrait 1" Coinage

Elizabeth's father King George VI died suddenly at age 56 in February 1952, when Elizabeth and Philip were on a state visit to Kenya in Africa. The princess was instantly turned into a queen while sleeping overnight in a Treetop treehouse on a safari trip. Her beloved father the king had been admired as a conscientious and dedicated ruler who guided his nation admirably through World War II. Elizabeth immediately took up his legacy.

The Queen's coronation portrait in Westminster Abbey shows her wearing the Imperial State Crown, holding the scepter and orb of gold, symbols of a monarch's power. This occasion was shown on coins from Tuvalu, Britain, Niue, and Jamaica.

The coronation of the new queen was held in Westminster Abbey in June 1953. Elizabeth's coronation included 8,000 guests, and official representatives from 129 nations. Elizabeth took an oath, was anointed with holy oil, was invested with robes and regalia, and was crowned queen of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka.)

Celebrations took place across the Commonwealth realms and commemorative medals were issued. It was the first British coronation to be televised, and the fourth and last British coronation of the 20th century.

The coronation regalia includes St. Edward's Crown (Imperial State

New King Charles III accompanies the Crown, Orb, and Scepter with Cross which were atop the Queen's coffin during her funeral service, seven decades after she held them in the coronation.

No coinage "baby pics" were found of their third child Andrew (born 1960, now Duke of York) this 1984 coin is from his royal visit to St. Helena. Next, Elizabeth and husband Philip walk with their fourth child Edward (born in 1964, yet coin dated 1997- parent's golden anniversary!) in a pram (baby carriage) on a $10 Pitcairn Islands coin.

The first regular issue of British coins with Elizabeth's "Portrait 1" were introduced in 1953, with the bareheaded "young head" of Elizabeth as engraved by Mary Gillick. The design was used on British pound/shilling/pence coinage, on Canadian dollars, South African shillings and Gibraltar crowns. This design was still used years after Britain changed to new designs.

The "Portrait 1" design was used on all Maundy Coins 1953 to 2022: sets of 1 penny, 2 pence, 3 pence, and 4 pence silver coins given by the Queen yearly to deserving pensioners and seniors on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter. These ceremonial coins were identical except for the value digit (and size) and dates.

Crown, dating to 1661), the Orb, the Scepter with Cross (including the Cullinan I diamond of 530 carats, the largest cut white diamond in the world), Scepter with Dove, and the Ring.

Queen Elizabeth attended the 1968 opening of the new British Mint in Llantrisant, Wales, and looked like she wanted to operate the coining mechanisms.

In 1952, the Queen appointed Prince Philip to be president of Great Britain's Royal Mint Advisory Committee, a position he held for 47 years. The Royal Mint was moved from London's Tower Hill to Llantrisant, Wales, and was opened in 1968 in the presence of Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, and Prince Charles. The Royal Mint had been based in London for centuries.

The "Portrait 2" design showed Elizabeth wearing the "Girls of Great Britain and Ireland" tiara, and was used by Britain, Jamaica, Bahamas, and many other nations.

1971-1984: Decimal Coinage with "Portrait 2"

In 1971 Britain changed from the historic pound/shilling/pence (£/s/d) denominations (in which the pound (symbol £) equaled 240 pence.) The new decimal system now uses a pound equal to 100 pence (symbol is still p; penny for one, pence for multiples.)

Decimal British coins were introduced with a new "Portrait 2" image of the Queen wearing the "Girls of Great Britain and Ireland" tiara, engraved by Arnold Machin.

1985-1997: "Portrait 3" Coinage

Another design of the Queen's image was the "Portrait 3" style adopted in 1985. It showed the Queen wearing the George IV state diadem, as engraved by Raphael Maklouf.

The royal couple made many trips on Her Majesty's Yacht *HMY Britannia*, which was active for 43 years from 1954 to 1997. Called a "Floating Palace," the 412-foot-long Britannia conveyed the Queen, Prince Philip. other members of the Royal Family and various dignitaries on 968 royal voyages. The *Britannia* has been

HMY Britannia *traveled over 1,087,623 nautical miles on Royal Visits of the Queen.*

"Royal Visit" coins from Antigua & Barbuda, Saint Lucia, Isle of Man and Belize. Reverses on these coins are shown; all their obverses show the "Portrait 3" queen. Other "visit" coins were issued by Tuvalu, Papua New Guinea, Jamaica, Grenada, Tristan de Cunha, Falkland, and Fiji.

The "Portrait 3" design was used on coins by Britain, Solomon Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, and several other nations.

retired to Edinburgh, Scotland.

Throughout her reign, Elizabeth sailed with Philip aboard *Britannia* to tour many nations of the Commonwealth. In the Caribbean they visited many Commonwealth members, most of whom issued "Royal Visit" coins for the occasion.

This 2007 220-pound Canadian commemorative can be bought online for $5.63M, or you can get a one-ounce copy for a mere $1,850. Google it!

1998-2014: "Portrait 4" Coinage

In 1994 the new "Portrait 4" obverse was introduced for British coins, returning to the "Girls of Great Britain and Ireland" tiara on the queen's portrait. It was designs by Ian Rank-Broadley.

Collectors with deep pockets may go for her largest official portrait, also among the world's 10 rarest gold/silver coins. The Queen Elizabeth II's Canadian One-Million Dollar Coin (dated 2007), of 999.99% refined pure gold, is an empirical 53 centimeters (20.8") in diameter and weighs 100 kilos (220 pounds.) But the Queen has no tiara! Got yours?

2015-2022: "Portrait 5" and Beyond

Another portrait ("version 5") beginning in 2015 showed a more mature queen, and a return to the "George IV diadem" used in Portrait 3 coinage. It was designed by Jody Clark.

The 1998 "Portrait 4" showed a more mature queen, and was used on British, New Zealand, and Australia coinage, among others.

Portrait 5 designs were used by Britain and Tristan da Cunha, and was slightly modified by St. Helena.

The "Tudor Crown" design

The Tudor Crown, also known as the King's Crown or crown of Henry VIII (ruled 1509-1547, of the House of Tudor), is a widely used symbol in heraldry of the United Kingdom. Following the abolition of the monarchy and the execution of Charles I in 1649, the Tudor Crown was broken up by the Commonwealth of England government (1649-1660) and its valuable components were sold.

This crown now represents both the British monarch personally and "the Crown," means the sovereign source of governmental authority. It appears on numerous official emblems in the United Kingdom, Britain, and Commonwealth nations. Several medals and coinage systems in the Commonwealth picture Queen Elizabeth wearing the symbolic Tudor Crown.

The Tudor Crown (at top) is shown on a British 1953 Coronation medal, and coinage of Nigeria, Malaya and British Borneo, Mauritius, and other Commonwealth members. The Tutor crown has been used on the reverse of all Maundy coins since Charles II in 1670.

Multiple portraits of Elizabeth

Some coins now show several of the portraits used on Commonwealth coins.

Two 2022 British coins, each showing two portraits of the Queen, a Barbados 2005 $5 silver tribute with a gold overlay, a Gambia gold coin of 2022, a 1993 Tristan de Cunha 100£ coin with 4 portraits, a 2003 Alderney 10£ coin with 4 portraits, and a 2022 Tokulu $5 coin showing six *portraits!*

"Non-Standard" Portraits of Elizabeth

Many countries issuing coins with Elizabeth's effigy did not use the Royal Mint's "approved" portraits. Some of these are shown here.

Contrary to the British "Portrait" standards, other views of the Queen appear on this British 2002 5£ coin, a Tristan de Cunha 2019 half laurel with the Queen facing left wearing a laurel wreath, a planned 2023 "Year of the Rabbit" Canada $2,500 gold coin with no headwear, a 1980 "Queen of New Zealand" coin with new headpiece, a Tokelau 2022 $100 piece without full profile., and even a US Mint medal designed by Frank Gasparro, showing Elizabeth for her visit to the US for our Bicentennial in 1976.

Ups and Downs of the Queen's Children

Queen Elizabeth's four children have had their share of celebrations and letdowns, many recorded on coins. Her eldest son Charles, born in 1948, was installed as Prince of Wales in an elaborate investiture ceremony in 1969. In 1981, Charles married Diana Spencer, who became famous for her style and class. The couple had two sons (William and Harry) but divorced in 1992. Diana was later killed in a Paris car wreck in 1997, and widely mourned in England. Charles then married Camilla Parker Bowles in 2005, at first shunned by the public, but later accepted and now Queen Consort. The Queen's only daughter Anne was married to Mark Phillips from 1973 to 1992, but divorced him and married Sir Timothy Lawrence in 1992.

Second son Andrew, Duke of York, married Sarah Ferguson in 1992 and divorced in 1996, but they remain friends and even live together at Windsor. Third son Edward married Sophie Rhys-Jones in 1999; they were the longtime Earl and Duchess of Wessex, recently elevated to Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh today. Edward is the only Queen's child to not have divorced.

Elizabeth and Philip had eight grandchildren and 11 great-grand-children, several shown on coins.

The Queen's Contemporary National Rulers

During the Queen's reign, world leaders have spanned the descriptions of admirable, approachable, haughty, mercurial, wise, dictatorial, incompetent, statesman-like, and even evil. By comparison, the Queen has maintained

Coins show Prince Charles' investiture as Prince of Wales (a gold Jamaica $100 coin) and his marriage to "Lady Diana,' Diana's death honored on British 5£ coin, and Charles' marriage to Camilla. Below: Princess Royal Anne's Tristan Da Cunha coin dated 2000, Prince Andrew's marriage to Sarah Ferguson, and Prince Edward's marriage to Sophie. Elizabeth's oldest grandchild Prince William is shown on a British 500£ commemorative; he is the new Prince of Wales, and is first in line to the throne.

her reputation as apolitical, outgoing, friendly, compassionate, loving, and wise. She leaves a void that the British people, Anglophiles, and world citizens everywhere will miss.

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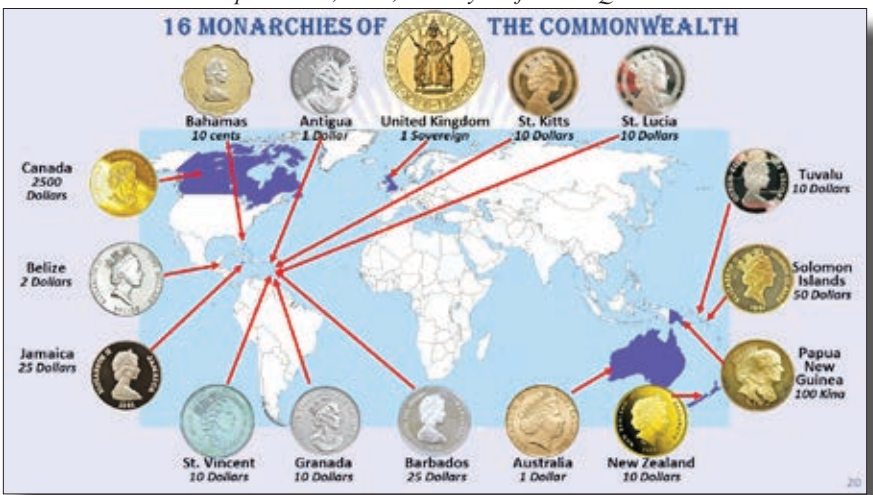
Queen Elizabeth's seven-decade reign surpassed those of multiple world leaders of (from the top) Germany, France, Great Britain (Prime Ministers,) Russia, and the United States. This chart stops at 2020; not shown are new US President Joe Biden, who took office in January 2021, German Chancellor Olaf Scholtz in December 2021, and UK Prime Minister Liz Truss on September 6, 2022, two days before the Queen's death.



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There Are So Many Steps in the Numismatic Hobby

by Bill Febuary

This is true, even if you start late in life, which is what I did!

First step, I inherited a jar of coins at the age of about 15 from my grandmother, but never did anything with them until I was introduced to the hobby at about the age of 25, when my boss one day explained to me about his hobby, which was coin collecting. He told me how to store coins and the value of the coins and got me introduced into a coin club, where my *next step*, was to become a board member and then an officer and then the president.

The *next step* was to get interested in a particular part of numismatics, which for me was collecting currency and being introduced to well-known currency dealers and obtaining their signatures and meeting them at various coin club meetings.

The *next step* was finding currency at a very reasonable price and purchasing many types of currency for the next 12 years, before I retired in 1982.

The *next step* was moving away from my home town to another state and becoming acquainted with more numismatic persons and meeting with them and joining another organization or two in numismatics (the ANA and CSNA) back in 1985.

The *next step* was moving up the ranks in these and several coin clubs and becoming a president and board member on these organizations.

The *next step* was reviewing all the coins and currency I had collected from 1962 to 2005, when a flood of new US quarters began to be manufactured (I bought several rolls of each states quarters issued.)

The *next step*, was to realize what a fortune I had received over the years and the knowledge I had gained in the numismatic hobby.

The *next step*, was to become a coin and currency appraiser and grader, and I did a number of large numismatic collections in the hundreds and thousands of dollars, including my

own coins and currency that doubled and tripled in price since first buying them.

The *next step* was to learn proper grading of coins and currency and updating my own collection, but still doing numismatic appraising even after my second retirement from my career.

The *next step*, was to reevaluate and upgrade my many types of numismatic collectibles, both in grade and price, which I am now proud of what I have done.

This might be my *last step* in numismatics, but yet the appraising continues and the upgrading and pricing continues and I still review all my numismatic items feeling proud of what I have done and learned as a devout numismatist.

Thank you, all my friends and readers for acknowledging the many articles I have written in *The California Numismatist* and the Fresno Numismatic Society publication *The Fresno Numismatist*. May these articles bring knowledge for years to come as to what a person can do in being a numismatist.

CSNA President Emeritus Phil Iversen

CSNA's board has announced that the position of president emeritus, vacated by the passing of David Lange, has been conferred upon past CSNA President Phil Iversen.

Iversen is the owner of Star Coins (a TCN advertiser) and has been an active participant and supporter of numismatics in the state for decades. Many state conventions have benefited from his experience and coordination of event plans and logistics. He's had more than a few articles of his published in TCN, as well as the predecessor publications prior to 2004, *Calcoin News* (CSNA), and *The NASC Quarterly* (NASC). He's been a major force in recruitment for association members, both through his own personal efforts as well as conducting collaborations between the associations and the ANA for mailing campaign to new ANA members.

As an indication of his hobby involvement, a search on the Newman Numismatic Portal (a massive database of hobby publications, located at https://nnp.wustl.edu) for "Phil Iversen" pulled up a massive list of 1,313 references in publications like *The California Numismatist, Calcoin News, The NASC Quarterly, E-Sylum, Coins Magazine, The Numismatist (ANA), Coin World, The Commemorative Trail, the David Lisot Video Library, Certified Coin Dealer Newsletter, The Coin Dealer Quarterly, Bunyan's Chips, TAMS Journal, Paper Money, Rare Coin Review, The Silver Bugle,* as well as a wide variety of articles and other media. Seem like a lot? Yeah, the guy's been getting around for a *long* time! We're lucky to have him on our teams.

CSNA Convention Report

by Phil Iversen

It was a warm Friday (4/21/23) afternoon and collectors were lined up outside the door prior to the opening of the 140th CSNA coin show and convention. Luckily, everything was then ready as on Thursday the room was set up differently for another event and it took extra time to rearrange it for our event. There was a steady flow of people, more than last year, who came early to look for the specific items they wanted. Tasty food from the kitchen at reasonable prices began to be served during the entire event. There was one educational presentation in the early afternoon enjoyed by all who participated.

On Saturday there were more staff on hand as the show opened at 10 AM. It was busy inside the bourse room as evidenced by the "buzz" in the room of collectors talking with dealers.

Joyce Kuntz at the CSNA table.

George Magann worked the busy registration table.

Busy bourse floor activity.

There were a number of new faces in the crowd along with those who attended the show last year. Some were interested in buying while others were just looking around to see what there was. Three more educational presentations were held during the day and there were several wonderful exhibits for all to look at and enjoy.

After the show closed for the evening a number of people gathered in the main hallway where the Awards Banquet and Installation Ceremony

Right from top:
Attendees at the banquet awaiting their BBQ dinner, during which Joel Anderson acted as emcee.

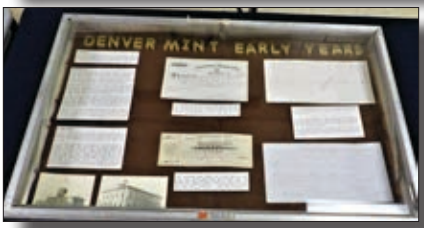
Being sworn in are the new Vice President Jim Phillips and President Jose Gallego.

President Gallego presents outgoing President Michael Turrini with a medal and certificate.

San Bernardino County Coin Club President Alex Jaramillo receiving certificate on behalf of the club's 75th anniversary.

Below:
President Gallego presents Bill Famini with his 25-year membership medal.

was held. Following a delicious catered meal of BBQ food, past president Joel Anderson did the honors of being the Master of Ceremonies with a litany of terrible jokes as usual. New officers were sworn in, and 25 and 50-year members were duly recognized. One club was honored for its 75th anniversary and one person was selected to sit in the hot seat and get "roasted" following a long tradition started many years ago. Food, fun, and friendship were all enjoyed by everybody.



Sunday was the last day of the show and it was a surprise to see so many people who came in earlier than expected possibly due to the great sales efforts of the dealers and the bargains they afforded to the collectors as both parties were very happy. The last of the many hourly raffle prizes which started on Friday was awarded and several people were lucky enough to win more than one item.

Late in the afternoon the crowd started to thin out and dealers started to pack up their inventory before heading off home. Many of them said sales were better than expected and they plan to come back again next year. Staff members began to start the process of packing up all the equipment and put it back into storage until next year and CSNA hopes that you will be in attendance to enjoy another wonderful event.

Left: educational exhibits. Below: Phil Iversen "roasting" new VP Jim Phillips

Also at the CSNA Convention...

There was an educational forum held that bridged Friday and Saturday, during which:

Herb Miles spoke on the life and times of *Ulysses S. Grant and his San Francisco Farewell Dinner* held at the Palace Hotel in that city.

Lloyd G. Chan presented on *Alexander the Great: His Coins*, those depicting Alexander and his life events.

Michael S. Turrini, Jose Gallegos, and Jim Phillips held a round table on *The Numismatic Hobby Today*, an open discussion of the current state of the hobby.

Kyle G. Knapp, a grader and confirmer for PCGS, who presented *Insight and Inside the Grading Room*, describing the grading and certification processes, as well as the specific standards used in grading.

50- and 25-Year Members of CSNA

Also honored at the banquet during the convention were the following long-term members of CSNA:

50-Year Members of CSNA

Member No.	*Joined*	*Name*	*City*
L-27-03	1973	Jean Prichett	San Jose
L-57-10	1973	Michael Perekrestenko	San Francisco
R-2649	1973	Alan M. Meghrig	Laguna Hills
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25-Year Members of CSNA

Member No.	*Joined*	*Name*	*City*
L-60-04	1998	Bill Famini	Canoga Park

Spreading the Word

In January, Philip DeAugustino, pictured above with Hemet High School Librarian Jamie Egbert, spent four days with an exhibit of a wide variety of numismatic materials, and talking with students about collecting and how coins and notes tell us our history.

California Token Spotlight

Shining on: Cozzens, California

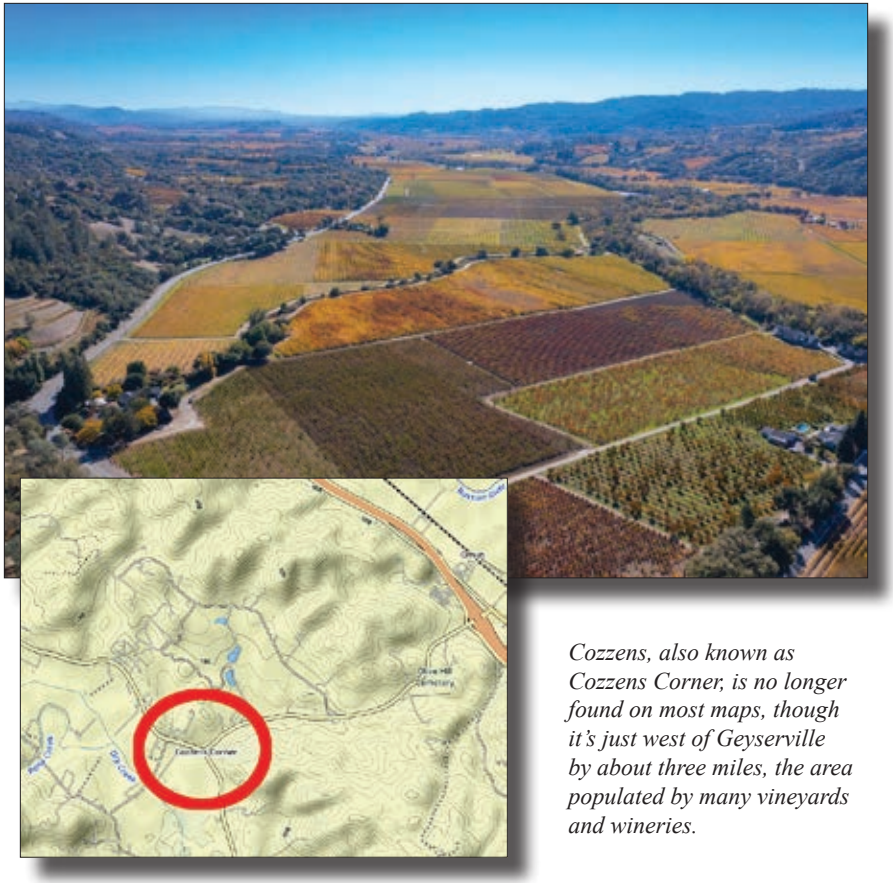
by Merle Avila

Davenport Cozzens was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1820. He graduated from West Point and fought in the Mexican War before heading to California, likely in search of gold. He arrives in Geyserville in 1851, making him one of the first white settlers of the area. He also claimed to have opened the first general store, planted the first grape vines, had the first wine press, and that his wife Louise was born the first white settler child of the area (1853). Their first home was in the town of Geyserville, but in 1852 they moved to the east side of the river, where he said it was warmer.

In 1857 Cozzens reportedly had been thrown from a horse and hit his head on a rock, resulting in occasional erratic behavior, and that may help explain the 1864 attack on Mrs. Asenath Ely. Mrs. Louise Cozzens, against the consent of her husband, had left home and had been spending a day or two at the house of a neighbor. On Friday evening, Louise and Asenath returned to the Ely residence. Mr. Cozzens arrived in an agitated state, and when Mrs. Ely told him to leave, he stabbed her three to four times and his wife once with a pocketknife. Both women recovered. Davenport Cozzens served two years at San Quentin Prison after being convicted of assault with the intent to do bodily harm, and his wife divorced him. Cozzens was released in September 1866, his citizenship restored, and he returned to Geyserville.

In 1876 Davenport was listed in the delinquent $3 poll tax column, and in 1879 the *Healdsburg Enterprise* reported that he had lost a horse and must have been born under an unlucky star, since he had many troubles. In 1881, Davenport Cozzens was appointed The first US postmaster at Cozzens Store and post office in upper Dry Creek Valley, where he owned 40 acres.

Cozzens was a well known longtime resident, for many years the proprietor of the store and a dealer



Cozzens, also known as Cozzens Corner, is no longer found on most maps, though it's just west of Geyserville by about three miles, the area populated by many vineyards and wineries.

in country produce. The post office began operations on August 5th, 1881. The store was five miles northwest of Geyserville. According to another report, the Cozzens store and post office, which served 150-200 inhabitants, were located further northwest, above the Yoakim Bridge Road, at the present site of the Ferrari-Carano Winery. For several years, from September 1884 until July 1889, Cozzens also provided postal services for the Skaggs Springs Resort. In 1882, Cozzens 62 married Abigail Pool Bowman 29 and they had one child. Abigail passed away young in 1892. In September 1898, the jury in the case of the People vs. D. Cozzens, charged him with the attempted murder of J. Rambold, a Healdsburg merchant. The court returned a verdict of not guilty. Davenport Cozzens died December 24th, 1908, and is buried in Olive Hill Cemetery in Geyserville. The Cozzens Post Office was discontinued on April 15th, 1910, and mail service transferred to Geyserville.

In conclusion, When Davenport Cozzens was thrown from his horse, did he land face first on the rock? This unique token from Cozzens is from the "Gouge Eye Saloon / D. Cozzens prop[rietor]". And yes he must have been born under an unlucky star...

The Emerging Hobbyist

by Michael S. Turrini

TCN readers have heard before insights by Matthew L. Malvini, 23, and later in this column, Matthew will again enthrall. But first...

Wanting to piggy-back on Matthew's story that follows, I "took a page from Matthew" some years back and began searching half dollar rolls provided by my local bank, usually a $500 value box.

Has anything worthwhile been discovered? Well, you might say not enough for the effort and time. But, it is not "what was found but the hunt," that thrill that maybe, just maybe, the next roll has a discovery.

Now, you may ask what about all those left-over halves? My action is simple: dump those halves into two-quart plastic jars, purchased at Dollar Tree, and donate the halves to local causes and charities with the admonishment "you count, roll, and deposit, then credit me a donation." The local senior center, my old teaching assignment, Will C. Wood High School, my church, the local Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, plus a well-known Catholic charity all receive and all are happy for the significant donations.

For chuckles, at one local charity, the wife instructed her now retired husband: "count and roll." Well, all reports state, "he does as the wife said." LOL!

Enough. Now, let's hear from Matthew...MST

After being involved with numismatics for eight years, I have realized that the life of a coin collector is full of learning experiences. We often associate coins with exceptional grades or low mintages to be big-ticket items. In lamest terms, the more sought after the coin is, the more money it's going to cost you. While 99% of the time that's correct, there are still instances where a rare coin could be purchased for next to nothing. You must be asking yourself, "How is that possible?!" The answer to that question is actually quite simple. Oftentimes, numismatists lose track of what resides within their collections. After purchasing thousands of wheaties and buffaloes, I too have experienced this phenomenon. As a result, sometimes a valuable coin finds itself mixed amongst common coinage. A recent visit to a local coin show helped back up this claim. This show in particular was hosted by one of my collecting mentors, Scott

Griffin. Every year, Mr. Griffin hosts multiple events within the Bay Area, and I help out by running his booth. A significant part of my job is providing attendees with free appraisals. One man came in with Lincoln wheat cents that he was interested in selling. He placed a total of 6 rolls, ranging from 1910-1958, on our table. To most dealers, this lot would seem insignificant. After all, wheats can be purchased for roughly 3 cents apiece. Mr. Griffin passed on making an offer, leaving the negotiating to me. As an avid collector of Lincoln cents, I offered the man $10 for the entire lot. He accepted my offer, and we parted ways. However, the surprise of a lifetime soon presented itself once I examined the rolls more closely. As a general rule of thumb, wheats from 1909-1915 with a D or S mintmark are highly sought after. After searching through a bunch of 1914 Lincolns, I stumbled upon one with a mintmark. Though faint to the eyes, a D mint mark was present on the penny. I had found a key date coin! With a little over 1 million cents minted, the 1914 D Lincoln can fetch over $100, even for low grade examples. The Lincoln was roughly in G4 condition, making it worth far more than the 3 cents I had paid for it. While the likelihood of this happening seems improbable, a similar story could happen to *you*! Thus, it is worth investing that extra time when searching through a coin collection. You'll never know what's out there unless you check.

Enjoying Your Hobby?

Ever wonder what's going to become of it in the future?

Who will be enjoying the "mystique" when the current crop of "greybeards" is gone? Better hope someone promotes it to the general population and gets young people involved at an impressionable age...

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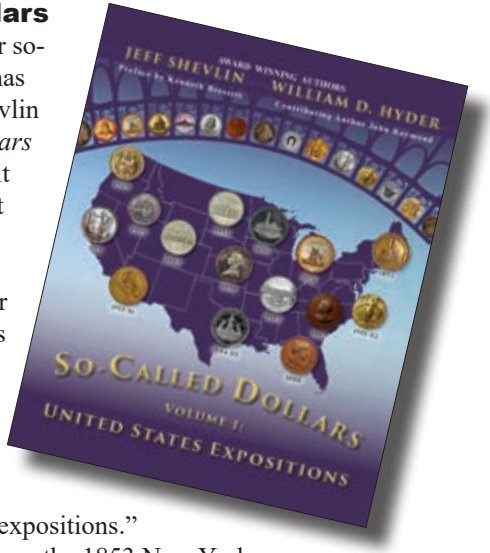
New Book on So-Called Dollars



A new standard reference book for so-called dollars, historical US medals, has just been released by authors Jeff Shevlin and Bill Hyder. Titled *So-Called Dollars Volume I: United States Expositions*, it catalogs so-called dollars from almost 70 expositions that were held in the United States.

Kenneth Bressett in his preface for the book states "Jeff, together with his long-term friend and writing partner Bill Hyder, have joined forces again to produce yet another fact-filled volume that will titillate and inform readers about the many medals and commemorative pieces related to the expositions."

Every exposition held in the US from the 1853 New York Crystal Palace through the 1964 New York World's fair are covered. The book includes detailed information never published before on so-called dollars. Volume I is the first of two volumes that will catalog the entire series of so-called dollars. Volume II is under development and anticipated to be published in a few years.

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Farewells

Roy Iwata

(Nov. 8, 1941 - April, 2023, Seal Beach, CA)

See the summer 2022 issue of TCN (pages 58-59) for an article about last years honor presentation to Roy by the Greater Orange County Coin Club in which was listed many of Roy's accomplishments and contributions to both CSNA and NASC. The fall and winter issues both had items mentioning Roy's support of the hobby through a lifetime of volunteering.

Kay Lenker

(Nov. 29, 1922 - Feb. 12, 2023, San Diego, CA)

Kay caught a flu bug which went into pneumonia. She turned 100 in November which was always her goal. She will be buried in Arlington Cemetery next to her first husband, Stuart Edgerton. See the winter 2022 issue of TCN (pages 35-37) for a lengthy write-up of her many accomplishments and contributions to both NASC and CSNA. An extensive obituary written by Ken Berger ran in the *E-Sylum* issue of 2/19/2023 (an electronic publication of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society.

David Lange

(Mar. 9, 1958 - Jan. 16, 2023, Bradenton, FL)

CSNA's president emeritus since summer of last year (he was president of CSNA 1993-1994), Dave passed away after a long battle with cancer. Born in San Francisco and raised in South San Francisco he moved to the East Coast to get his dream job, director of numismatic research at NGC. David authored many books on coins, including standard works on the Lincoln head penny and the buffalo nickel. Recipient of many awards Dave was the winner of the ANA's lifetime achievement award in 2009, and their numismatist of the year in 2017.

If you have obituary material relating to members of CSNA or NASC, please forward them to the editor of TCN at gregsburns@gmail.com for inclusion in future issues.

We Get Letters...

Got some thoughts you'd like to share with other readers, comments on articles or opinions you've read in TCN*, or otherwise have something you'd like to say? Let your voice be heard and write to us via snail-mail to CSNA, PO Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711, or better yet drop us an e-mail at gregsburns@gmail.com. Submitted material may be edited for form or content...*

Philip's Lucky Day

We have all heard or read the statement, "Check your change." About two weeks ago at a Walmart store, I was doing just that, checking my change. Among the one dollar notes I received was one with this serial number, L 55655655 B, a radar note in XF-AU condition. The first "fancy serial number" note I have found in circulation.

—Philip De Augustino

Sharp eyes, Philip! Congrats on your find. Keep us up to date on any other treasures found in circulation, please.

Best regards, Greg

Storage Products and Damage

As I do currency appraisals for a close friend I am finding many concerns regarding her coins that have been stored in old time coin albums as the coins have turned black around the edges of the coins and some of the coins have a bluish or a blackish color on the obverse of the coin. I observed this as I removed the coins for grading

and appraising them in order to see the entire coin.

I find that many coin albums and coin holders contain polyvinyl chloride, which eventually works it's way into the coins and discolors them both on the edges and on sometimes both sides of the coins.

Many of today's coin storage holders and albums are made with a product called Mylar, which contains no chemical which could lead to spotting or damage. This has taken years to change the products of albums, plastic flips, and tubes used to store coins that were put away years ago and when removed, found to be damaged.

Over the years I have noticed this change, but most of my appraisals were for years-ago coin collectors who only used the old type storage products and were never aware of long time damage to their coins.

So, as a long time coin collector and now many years of doing coin appraisals, I would recommend that any and all coin collectors be aware of what kind of container or album they have stored their own coins in and make a change if there is any damage to their coins in their albums or coin containers.

—Bill Febuary

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Ginny's Gleanings: Happy New Year! The year is off to a good start according to my dealer friends based on several coin shows. Many of the Southern California coin clubs mention Roy Iwata so all those who know him wished him well. He had been presenting monetary gifts to his coin clubs and the ANA. Several members of SDNS visited Kay Lenker in November at her assisted-living facility to present the ANA Elvira-Clain Stefanneli awards. She was delighted with them and showed them off to other visitors. The San Bernardino Coin Club will celebrate its 75th year in June, 2023 and plans are under way to make it memorable. "Not everything that is faced can be changed but nothing can be changed until it is faced."—James Baldwin

Michael's Musings: I have not been receiving timely or in a format for reporting in this column from several local Northern California coin clubs. One local coin club has not resumed meeting; sadly, the Liberty Numismatic Society of Millbrae, California has not met in three years. This coin club was the late and great David W. Lange (1958—2023) first coin club and one that he strongly supported and enjoyed. Fremont Coin Club has been reduced to one in-person meeting per month and faces relocating to another venue after nearly five decades at the same place, the Fremont Elks Lodge #2121. Nothing has been heard or learned about the maybe defunct Gateway Coin Club of Merced. Checking its website, the last update was in 2016! Again, I plea that local coin clubs mail hard-copy newsletter/bulletins to PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410.

Club Reports...

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB is meeting, via Zoom and in-person and connects with its members via short emails; no *Thick And Thin Times* has been issued in some months.

ANCIENT COIN CLUB OF LOS ANGELES This club has been successfully holding hybrid meetings. **President John Bornman** presented the program in November covering *The Antigonid Kings of Macedon – Their History and Coinage* and brought in many of his own coins to share. *Romans in Africa, A Veteran's Retirement Haven* by **Paul Lawrence** set new records of attendance in December and was fascinating. The Romans settled in the area of modern Tunisia where Paul retired to and he spends his extra time looking at ruins. In January board member **Randy Butler** presented *Julian - The Apostate, History, Coins and Mints*. **Brad Yonaka** will present the February program, *Visiting a Few Old Cities and Their Coins*, while vacationing in Malaysia. **Secretary Michael Connor** does a masterful job of putting it all together.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB members really enjoyed the presentation by **Marc M.** on collecting foreign coins. **Phil I.** shared his counterfeit trade dollar and showed why it was a fake. In January, the club installed their new officers in the Olive Garden Restaurant in Manhattan Beach.

BURBANK COIN CLUB The annual holiday dinner party was well attended and everyone received special gifts. Lucky **Phil I.** won five prizes! But **Stephanie** won the gold coin. In January the son of **John S.** was visiting from Poland where he operates one of only seven or eight coin shops in Warsaw. The hottest item in the auction was a bottle of wine from Chile! Go figure.

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB The November meeting featured a numismatic donation auction and brought in over $1000. The money was used to buy Christmas gifts for the December Christmas potluck. In January, the installation dinner was held at La Bella's Pizza banquet room which worked out beautifully. Installed were **President Steve Fahrlender, Vice President Ted Koopman, Treasurer Dave Corcoran, and Secretary Ginny Bourke**. The 50/50 pot brought in $104 and **Dave C.** won $52.

COINEERS COIN CLUB The *White Elephant* donation sale was very successful and the money used for nice prizes for the January installation dinner. The officers all remained in their places for another year. **Debbi Montisano** continues to be the hostess with the mostest and is appreciated for all the delicious goodies she brings to each meeting. **Andrew Woodruff** continues as president and editor.

COVINA COIN CLUB The November meeting was canceled due to a main water break but the Christmas party was well attended and everyone brought

lots of special desserts to share and received the club's gifts. Sadly, lone-time member **Don Collins** passed away and is missed.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB held a fundraising auction, its first annual *Gary L. Acquistapace Memorial Auction* last December 2022, earning the club just over $1200. **Brian Wagner, Suzanne Trigonis**, and others were the primary coordinators for this successful event. **Keith Scott** spoke at the club's February meeting, reviewing trends in the hobby and what to anticipate. To those interested, the Cupertino group coordinates an exemplary Scout Merit Badge program, and it would welcome inquiries about this outstanding effort, done throughout the South San Francisco Bay Area.

DELTA COIN CLUB Michael S. Turrini again trekked to Stockton to emcee this club's *Annual Installation Dinner* on January 20. Over 60 members attended, including a large contingent from the Stanislaus County Coin Club of neighboring Modesto. **Jared W. Moe** has become the club's new president and has planned a quite balanced series of meeting activities for all of 2023. Going back to the installation dinner, there was so much catered food left that Michael had meals for over a week!

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard respected numismatic leader **Robert E. Luna** at its February meeting on *The M Mint*, meaning an authorized United States Mint in Manila, Philippines. His fine presentation included other Philippine coinage and paper money issues. At the January meeting the society paused and had a Powerpoint tribute to the late **Glenn Stephenson**. Glenn was quite beloved in the society. His widow, **Karen**, intends to remain active. Back in 2022 they teamed together and did an outstanding Powerpoint on the 1890s educational series notes, presented at the level of a World's Fair of Money program.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB The club held their golden jubilee 50th anniversary luncheon on May 7 in neighboring Vacaville. A festive and fun time was planned. There was an enhanced raffle with gold! **Michael S. Turrini** was the intended master of ceremonies, now being the club's senior active member, having joined in 1981. The current **President David J. Trimingham** invited all.

FRESNO NUMSMATIC SOCIETY heard member **James Johnson** at its January meeting speak on *Private Mints and Other Collectibles*: "some private mint products are attractive to young collectors, featuring superheroes and characters from Looney Tunes, Star Wars, and Peanuts." The society is experimenting returning to a live coin auction at its February meeting. *Fresno Numismatist* **Editor James Olber** did warn potential consigners about low opening/reserve bids, so as to speed the auction and not waste meeting time. **Michael S. Turrini** adds this is an issue with and at other local coin clubs.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB In November **Paul Dofton** provided his program *An Introduction to the Soho Mint – Part II* which covered many of the 18th century tokens minted there. Members were very happy to have a Christmas party this year after waiting two years. *Bingo* was a favorite with all its silver eagles to the winners and a grand prize of a US gold coin. In January, the program covered *Fractional Currency and Postage Money* presented by **Gregg Bercovitz**. This club has been using Youtube for live streaming for part of its meetings and has followers all over the world.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB Mark Baskin provided a very informative program in January on the *Basics of Grading*. Their meetings feature *Show & Tells*, an auction, raffle and refreshments. The members are all looking forward to the always entertaining and humorous speaker **Mike Ontko** with his presentation entitled *O Solde Mio: an introduction to the coinage of the Italian States*. They will learn a lot. **Ron N.** provided the refreshments.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB The coin show in October was a success. **Jim Phillips** of CSNA provided a symposium at the show which was also well attended. **David Corcoran** won the gold coin donated by **Dr. Donald Zvanut** of the Collectible Coin & Currency shop. The Ronald Reagan Center was the venue for the Christmas donation auction/potluck thanks to a generous gift from member **John Aderholt**. The January meeting slate of officers were voted on and they remain the same. **President Jose Gallego** and the other officers were installed at the Black Bear Restaurant in El Cajon in February.

HEMET NUMISMATISTS A successful *White Elephant* auction was held at the October meeting. In November **President Dennis Hogan** spoke on how to collect Lincoln cents. The Christmas party was held at the Dattilo Ristorante Italiano in Hemet. The January meeting was an *Extended Show And Tell* to share the coins purchased during the holidays.

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO Ron Guth was the guest speaker in November and used Powerpoint to present his program entitled *When the Germans used Porcelain as Money*. Ron was the ANA's 2014 Numismatist of the Year and is a highly recognized author of many coin books covering coin collecting and investing. The December meeting fell on Christmas Eve and was canceled but the club attended the shared installation dinner with the San Diego Numismatic Society at Marie Callender's Restaurant in January. **Ken Spindler** was elected president for life and **Joe Yager** continues as secretary-treasurer again, a position he has held for too many years to count. Kudos to **Bob Fritsch** of New Hampshire for his challenging quizzes pertaining to the theme each month.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB Vice President Andy Kmita provided an interesting program in December and an auction was also held. **Albertus Hoogeveen**

spoke on how he got started in numismatics in January. The club continues to offer a raffle and a drawing with a gold coin or two. In February the program was done by **David Schwager** discussing *California Tokens*. **Howard Felthem** continues as president and editor.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY now meets on-line. **Harold Tuchfeld** spoke on *The Rise of Rome in Judea* at the society's on-line January meeting. Earlier, at the December meeting, **William Hyder** spoke on *Joe Beeler's Native American Portrait Medals*: William "has a set of medals for every year issued . . . some of his are pewter issues", which highlighted the artist's technique. The 2023 officers are: **President Jason Marcario, Vice President William Hyder, Secretary Dr. Charles Catlett, and Treasurer Stephen M. Huston**. The society joins others in mourning the passing of **David W. Lange** who served the society in several capacities including a term as its president. His visits in recent years, due to his relocated career in Florida, were infrequent.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB The society's January meeting was *My Type Set, My Journey*. The illustrious **President Merle V. Avila** was the first to share, having begun his type collecting in 1991. According to the club's newsletter over ten members shared something they would call type collecting. **Dr. Charles Catlett**, earlier was honored with the coveted Donnell Award issued by the Northern California Numismatic Association. He joins Merle V. Avila and the late Lee H. Gong as recipients of this esteemed honor. At the club's final 2022 meeting, the 2023 Willie Quarante Memorial Award, a beautiful plaque was bestowed in **Deanna Jordt**, who handles the refreshments: "Goodies seem almost as important to the club as coins, so we appreciate all that Deanna does."

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB has new officers: **President Bruce Williams, Vice President Troy Dinin, Treasurer Marlain Minardi, Corresponding Secretary Mike Grieneisen, Recording Secretary Patrick Carpenter,** with **Assistant Treasurer Nick Shel,** and **Bookkeeper Marty Hartzell**. The club's January meeting had a "fun and challenging coin quiz" done by **Bruce Williams** and **Mike Grieneisen**: "as the answers were revealed the club members has a spirited time discussing a number of interesting coin collecting topics." SVCC continues its outstanding enthusiasm and energy for our hobby!

SAN BERNARDINO COIN CLUB Jim Phillips presented the program speaking about the *Story of a Challenge Coin and the Red Ball Stratos Project* along with photos and a video. In December, the club supplied the meal, dessert and drinks for the Christmas party. There was a very special SBCC members only drawing for a 2022 American Liberty .999 silver medal. **Vice President Ed Luers** spoke in January on the *NASA Deep Space Network*. Members were preparing for the super-auction in March. Also in the planning stage is the celebration in June for the club's 75th birthday. Congratulations!

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Ken Spindler shared his remarkable assortment of *Us Congress Visitor Gallery Passes* in November. A small group visited Kay Lenker in the assisted-living facility she was in to give her the ANA Elvira Clain-Stefanneli Awards she won. She was very proud of them and showed them off to her visitors. A very nice potluck was enjoyed at the December meeting. In January, this club with the INSSD joined to celebrate the installation dinner for officers of both clubs at the Marie Callender's restaurant in La Mesa. **John Gray III** continues as president, **Jeff Depry** as vice president, Ken Spindler as treasurer, and Ginny Bourke as secretary.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Aaron Brown, treasurer of the club, attended the Delta Coin Club's *Installation Dinner*, and he and I conversed. Aaron doubles, no triples, as the club's *Goldstrike* editor and webmaster. At the club's February meeting he gave a talk on *Biblical Coins*. For February's two meetings, the *Show 'n Tell* theme was *Toned Coins*. Supposedly, a SCCC member found a Thai baht in a Coin Star machine. At a meeting, a SCCC member displayed 1870 Carson City Mint gold coins: all replicas!

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Since the last TCN issue, this society held its *Hopperstad Auction*, which earned the society $1825! The current officers were approved for another two-year term: **George B. Locatelli**, president; **Michael S. Turrini**, treasurer; and **Donald L. Hill**, recorder/secretary. The vice president position remain vacant presently. *Ukraine* was the meeting's February theme, and each attendee received a low denomination Ukraine paper money note. Donald L. Hill displayed a varied of Ukraine philatelic issues. Sad news: The society mourns the passing of Robert E. Sather, who passion was 1925 Norse-American commemoratives, as well his Norwegian heritage. RIP, Bob.

WHITTIER COIN CLUB members visited Roy Iwata in his new assisted-living facility (prior to his passing in April). In October **President Steve Fortune** shared his 1797 silver dollar. **Herb Miles** in December shared his type set and **Paul Delucchi** shared his set of West Point coins. A silent auction was quite successful and brought in almost $300. Members brought Christmas goodies and had a party. In February Herb Miles showed off his clipped 1923 Peace dollar.

Kudos to Glendale Coin Club

The ANA announced in April that the GCC was one of four club winners for recruiting new ANA members. GCC sponsored 15 new members to the ANA, and for that received a MS-70NGC set of 2021 Peace and Morgan silver dollars. Congratulations to the GCC for "spreading the word"!

Directory of Member Clubs

Changes should be sent by a club officer via mail to the applicable association's corresponding secretary. CSNA and NASC membership status is indicated in parentheses at the end of each club's listing.

Alameda Coin Club—meets 1st Tuesday, 6:15 p.m., Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street, Alameda; mailing address: P.O. Box 2880, Alameda, CA 94501-0880. Mail virtual meeting link requests to their P.O. Box. (CSNA)

Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles—meets 2nd Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Skirball Cultural Center, Classroom 161, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles; mailing address: Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles, P.O. Box 370602, Reseda, CA 91337; Website: www.accla.org; email: acclacontact@gmail.com. (NASC, CSNA)

Bay Cities Coin Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Westchester Masonic Center, 7726 West Manchester Blvd., Playa Del Rey; mailing address: P.O. Box 452025, Los Angeles, CA 90045; email: baycitiescoinclub@hotmail.com. (NASC)

Burbank Coin Club—meets 1st Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Joslyn Center (Nutrition Room), 1301 W. Olive Ave., Burbank; mailing address: P.O. Box 5207, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413. (NASC)

California State Numismatic Association—meets up to twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: CSNA, P.O. Box 4003, Vallejo, CA 94590; email: csnalibrary@gmail.com; Website: www.calcoin.org. (NASC)

Chula Vista Coin Club—meets 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department, Training Room, 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040; Website: www.chulavistacoinclub.org. (CSNA, NASC)

Coineers Coin Club—meets 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., North University Community Branch Library, 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego; mailing address: 829 Portsmouth Court, San Diego, CA 92109; Website: www.sdcoineers.org. (CSNA, NASC)

Covina Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., San Dimas Royal Mobile Homes Clubhouse, 1630 W. Covina Blvd., San Dimas; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (CSNA, NASC)

Cupertino Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448; email: CupertinoCoinClub@gmail.com; Website: www.cupertinocoinclub.org. (CSNA)

Delta Coin Club of California—meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton, CA 95204; mailing address: P.O. Box 690761, Stockton, CA 95269-0761; email: deltacoinclub@gmail.com. (CSNA)

DHHS Numismaniacs Coin Club—meets periodically, Dana Hills High School, 33333 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, CA; Mrs. Mary Danna (club advisor), email: dhhsnumismaniacs@gmail.com *or* text @DHHSNumismaniacs to 23559 for updates about the club. (NASC)

Diablo Numismatic Society—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA 94517; contact: President Kyle Anderson, 925-382-8825; email: info@diablocoinclub.org; Website: www.diablocoinclub.org. (CSNA)

Downey Numismatists—meets 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Downey; mailing address: Albertus Hoogeveen, P.O. Box 222, Downey, CA 90241. (NASC)

Edmonton Numismatic Society (Canada)—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion Br #255, 10427 174th St NW., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5T 6A1; email: info_ens@yahoo.ca. (NASC)

Fairfield Coin Club—meets 4th Wednesday (except December), 7:00 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall #1, corner of First and Kentucky Streets, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094. (CSNA)

Fremont Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 38801 Blacow Rd., Fremont; mailing address: P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538-0140; Website: www.FremontCoinClub.org. (CSNA)

Fresno Numismatic Society—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 E. Clinton Ave. Fresno ; mailing address: P.O. Box 11525, Fresno, CA 93773-1525; email: admin@fresnocoinclub.com; Website: www.fresnocoinclub.com. (CSNA)

Glendale Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m., La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta; mailing address: GCC, c/o Michael Kittle, P.O. Box 388, Agoura Hills, CA 91376-0388; email: mike@kittlecoins.com; Website: www.GlenCoin.com. (NASC)

Greater Orange County Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church, 2845 Mesa Verde Dr. E. Costa Mesa; mailing address: 2032 Kornat Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626; email: bill.pfeifer@sbcglobal.net; phone: (714) 546-0931; Website: www.occoinclub.com. (CSNA, NASC)

Heartland Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Bostonia Rec. Center, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon; mailing address: P.O. Box 191448, San Diego, CA 92159; email: jmgallego@losgallego.com. (CSNA, NASC)

Hemet Numismatists—meets 3rd Wednesday, 12:00 Noon, Provident Savings Bank, 1600 Florida Avenue (Northwest Corner Giard and Florida), Hemet; mailing address: P.O. Box 36, Hemet, CA 92546. (CSNA, NASC)

International Numismatic Society of San Diego—meets 4th Wednesday, 5:15 p.m., Allied Gardens Rec. Center – Gardens Room, 5155 Greenbrier Ave., San Diego; mailing address: P.O. Box 161081, San Diego, CA 92176; Website: www.inssd.org. (CSNA, NASC)

Las Vegas Numismatic Society—meets 2nd Saturday, 3:00 p.m., University United Methodist Church, 4412 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV; Website: http://lasvegascoinclub.com. (CSNA, NASC)

Leisure World Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse No. 3, Room 2, Seal Beach Leisure World; mailing address: Mike Supple, 13421 Del Monte Rd., #24D, Seal Beach, CA 90740; email: supplemike5@gmail.com. (NASC)

Liberty Numismatic Society—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Millbrae City Library, 1 Library Avenue, Millbrae; mailing address: P.O. Box 300, Millbrae, CA 94030-0300; Website: LNS.ANAclubs.org. (CSNA)

Livermore Valley Coin Club—meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:15 p.m., Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore; mailing address: P.O. Box 610, Livermore, CA 94550. (CSNA)

Long Beach Coin Club—meets 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Millikan High School Cafeteria, 2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach; mailing address: P.O. Box 8101, Long Beach, CA 90808. (CSNA, NASC)

Military Coin Club—meets 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 4375 Bonita Rd., Bonita; mailing address: Steve Fahrlender, 1342 Valencia Loop, Chula Vista, CA 91910; email address: MilitaryCoinClub@gmail.com. (CSNA)

Northern California Numismatic Association—mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; email: EmperorI@juno.com. (CSNA)

Numismatic Association of Southern California—meets four times per year; mailing address: Walt Ostromecki, 5914 Hesperia Avenue, Encino, CA 91316-1014; email: ostromecki@money.org; Website: www.NASC.net. (CSNA)

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society—meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco; mailing address: P.O. Box 475656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656; Website: www.pcns.org. (CSNA)

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists—meets at PAN conventions; mailing address: PAN, 1985 Lincoln Way, Suite 23 #225, White Oak, PA 15131; email: pancoins@gmail.com; Website: www.pancoins.org. (CSNA)

Polk County Coin Club (Oregon)—meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, Monmouth, OR; John Brown, (503) 362-9123; email: brownjoheil65@gmail.com. (NASC)

Redwood Empire Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa; mailing address: 5850 Commerce Blvd., Suite 100, Rohnert Park, CA 94928; Website: www.RedwoodEmpireCoinClub.com. (CSNA)

Sacramento Valley Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., North County Corporate Yard, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., Sacramento, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816; Website: SacValCC.org. (CSNA)

San Bernardino County Coin Club—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Highland Senior Center, 3102 E. Highland Ave., Highland, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 311141, Fontana, CA 92331-1141. (CSNA, NASC)

San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council—meets 1st Saturday in February, May, August and November, 10:00 a.m., Allied Gardens Rec. Center – Gardens Room, 5155 Greenbrier Ave., San Diego; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040; Website: www.coinarama.org. (CSNA)

San Diego Numismatic Society—meets 1st Tuesday, 6:15 p.m., Allied Gardens Rec. Center – Gardens Room, 5155 Greenbrier Ave., San Diego; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA, NASC)

San Jose Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, Post #318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose; mailing address: P.O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150-5621; Website: www.sanjosecoinclub.org. (CSNA)

Santa Maria Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 East Park Ave. Santa Maria; mailing address: P.O. Box 7186, Santa Maria, CA 93456. (CSNA, NASC)

Stanislaus County Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Denny's Restaurant, 1525 McHenry Ave., Modesto; mailing address: P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, CA 95353-1672; Website: www.stancocoinclub.org. (CSNA)

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Sixty Years Ago

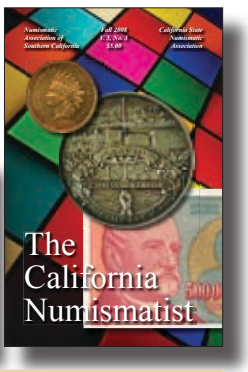
- Tom Wood took over as president of NASC, and in the first issue of *The NASC Quarterly* of 1963, announced in his president's message that the recent convention at the Statler Hilton had attendance of 4,234 (and the first of the eight conventions to have charged a flat fee for registration, the princely sum of 50 cents).
- The updated seal of CSNA (adding the date of incorporation) was used for the first time on the cover of *Calcoin News* on the initial issue of 1963. The original seal was an amalgam of various people's input, drawn by Charles D. Kiser, and adopted in October of 1950. The clipper ship reminds of Gold Rush days, and the flag staff is rooted in the city of CSNA's founding, Santa Barbara.

Thirty Years Ago

- *Calcoin News* reported that Cupertino Coin Club had produced 1- and 5-credit "YN" (Young Numismatists) tokens in copper and nickel respectively, each one-inch in diameter. YN's earned them for attendance and club activities, and they were good for auction items, dues, raffle tickets, etcetera.
- *The NASC Quarterly* combined the spring and summer 1993 issues into one, and Editor Jeff Oxman departed the helm of the publication. The second issue was greatly abbreviated (no editor) and there were no others that year. 1994 was editorless. Gloria Windell took the role for the summer 1995 issue, with Gary Beedon stepping into that spot for the next issue in fall.

Fifteen Years Ago

- The fall 2008 issue of TCN was the first to have color interior pages. Prior to that all interior pages were printed in black and white, with only the cover in color.
- Jim Hunt's "Numismatic Luminary" column highlighted Nona Moore, a major mover-and-shaker in NASC for many years, and also a president of the association in the early 1980s.



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